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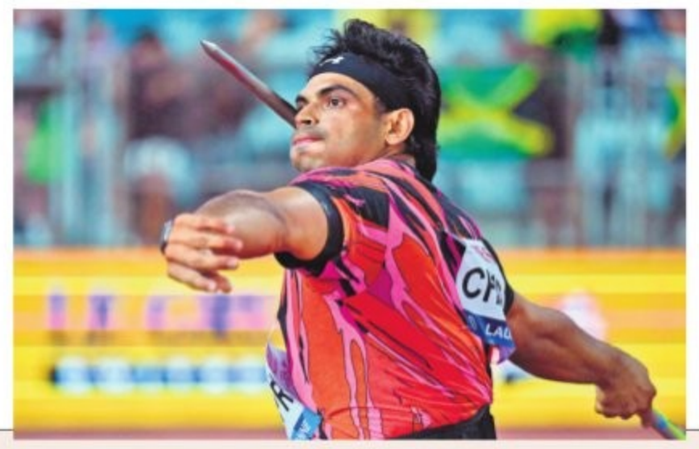

BAREST OF MARGINS: NEERAJ FALLS AGONISINGLY SHORT IN DL FINAL

Two-time Olympics medallist Neeraj Chopra came second in Brussels Diamond League with 87.86 m throw, 0.01 m behind Anderson Peters (87.87)

CHOPRA ENDS SEASON WITH 2ND PLACE FINISH

In his last event of the season, the 26-year-old Indian came close to winning the Diamond League crown before missing it by just one centimetre to finish as runner-up for the second consecutive year in the season finale. Peters took the top prize while Germany's Julian Weber finished third with a 85.97 m throw

AFTER GROIN, HAND INJURY ADD TO WOES

- On Sunday, Chopra revealed that he took part in the Diamond League final with a fracture in his left hand which happened during an injury at practice earlier in the week
- Having already been struggling with a groin injury, the Paris Olympics silver medallist will use the off season to recuperate | **P13**

89.49 m

WAS CHOPRA'S SEASON BEST. HE ACHIEVED IT IN LAUSANNE DL

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Junior doctors take part in a protest march to Swasthya Bhavan in Kolkata on Sunday | PTI

CBI GETS CUSTODY OF RG KAR'S FORMER PRINCIPAL GHOSH

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

A court on Sunday remanded former principal of Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital Sandip Ghosh and Station House Master (SHO) of Tala Police Station Abhijit Mondal in CBI custody till Tuesday in connection with the rape-murder case of a trainee doctor at the hospital.

The two were arrested by the CBI on Saturday night. They have been charged with tampering evidence. Mondal is also accused of delaying the registration of FIR in the case. "We have got their custody for three days till September 17. Now, both will be questioned together. The duo played vital roles in the RG Kar case," the CBI said.

Both Ghosh and Mondal tried to "downplay the incident" as well as "shield" the heinous crime, the CBI told the Sealdah court.

The arrests are the first by the CBI in connection with the rape-murder case. Ghosh had already been arrested by the CBI in connection with financial irregularities at the RG Kar Hospital and is currently in judicial custody.

Meanwhile, junior doctors on Sunday took out a mega protest march in the Salt Lake area demanding justice for the victim. **P10**

Slew of projects in Modi 3.0

In infra sector, projects worth **₹3 lakh crore** approved, most of them on roads, railways, ports and airways

Approved Wadhavan Mega Port in Maharashtra at a cost of **₹76,200 crore**

Approval of construction/upgradation of **62,500 km** of roads and bridges to connect **25,000 villages**

- **8** new railway line projects approved generating **4.42 crore** man-days of employment
- Minimum support price for kharif crops increased
- Approved Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh with an allocation of **₹12,100 crore**
- Tax relief to the salaried class

1 PROJECTS WORTH ₹15 LAKH CRORE LAUNCHED WITHIN THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF MODI'S 3RD INNINGS AS PM

0 DAYS

3 crore houses approved under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

MUDRA loan limit increased from **₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh**

₹2 lakh crore PM package announced to promote employment and skill development among the youth

1 crore youth will receive internships at top companies, along with allowances and one-time assistance

- Employees earning up to **₹1 lakh** will benefit from the government's contribution to EPFO
- Employers to get reimbursement of **₹3,000** per month for 2 years for every new employee with an income up to **₹1 lakh**
- Free insurance of up to **₹5 lakh** to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above
- Waqf (Amendment) Bill aimed at reducing conflicts | **MORE ON P9**

B'desh, Rohingya infiltrations major threat to J'khand: Modi

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AHEAD of the Assembly elections in Jharkhand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday accused the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) of playing vote bank politics by supporting Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators.

Addressing the 'Parivartan Maharally' of the BJP in Jamshedpur, Modi charged that 'the infiltrators' have managed to gain influence over the JMM and are "usurping tribal land and forests".

"Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators have become a major threat to Santhal Parganas and Kolhan regions. The demography of these regions is changing fast. The tribal population is on the decline. The infiltrators are establishing control of the panchayat system, grabbing land, and committing atrocities against the daughters of the state. Every Jharkhand resident feels unsafe," Modi said.

Training his guns on the Congress, Modi called it one of the state's three enemies, the JMM and the Rashtriya Janata Dal being the other two.

He said the JMM is possessed by the ghost of the Congress. "When the ghost of Congress enters any party, appeasement becomes the only agenda of that party," Modi said.

Continuing his attacks on the Congress, he said the JMM leaders were taking lessons on corruption from the 'Congress school of corruption'. He called the Congress family as the most dishonest in the country. "All the streams of corruption originate from there," he said.

The prime minister accused the JMM of not fulfilling the promises it made to the people ahead of the 2019 Assembly elections.

"JMM had promised to pay unemployment allowance, but none of them got any allowance," Modi said.

Kejri plays resignation card

Will step down in a couple of days, name successor; wants snap polls in Nov

EARLY POLL JUMLA?

1. Advancing polls to November may not be possible as the EC will have only two months for preparations
2. In any case, the EC will come into play only after the Delhi CM dissolves the assembly and formally requests it to advance polls
3. Only a new CM can call a meeting of the Cabinet to take a decision on dissolving the assembly

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

AAM Aadmi Party convenor Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday sought to take the high moral ground by saying he will not occupy the chief minister's chair until he gets a fresh mandate of honesty from the voters in the national capital.

Seeking to wash the taint of corruption as two Central law enforcement agencies alleged he was the prime beneficiary of the Delhi excise scam, Kejriwal said he will resign as CM in a couple of days and name a successor. He also demanded snap polls along with the Maharashtra assembly elections in November.

But the election process can begin only after the chief minister dissolves the assembly and writes to the Election Commission of India. Expecting it to be held in November might be way too optimistic. In the normal course, Delhi will be due for polls in February.

Just a couple of days ago, he had walked out of Tihar Jail after getting bail from a Supreme Court bench in connection with the excise policy scam. But stringent bail conditions set by a coordinate bench disallow him from visiting the Chief Minister's Office and the Delhi Secretariat. His signing of files in his capacity as CM was also restricted.

Arvind Kejriwal waves during a party meeting in New Delhi on Sunday | PARVEEN NEGI

> **I want to appeal to the public, if you think Kejriwal is honest, vote for me. If you think Kejriwal is guilty, do not vote for me. Every vote of yours will be a certificate of my honesty**
>
> Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi chief minister

Kejriwal made the surprise announcement while addressing party workers. "I will go to every street, I will go to every house. Until the public gives its verdict that Kejriwal is honest, I will not sit on the CM's chair," he claimed.

As for his successor, the AAP said a meeting of the legislative party in the next two-three days will take the call.

However, Kejriwal ruled out his former deputy as his successor. "The same things were said about him as were said for me. Sisodia also says that he will take over the post of Deputy CM and education minister only when the people say he is honest. It's up to the people to take the call about me and him," the AAP chief said.

The buzz is on Kejriwal's wife Sunita getting the baton, as she has been active on ground since the Lok Sabha elections. She is also one of the star campaigners for the Haryana elections.

Other names that are being tossed around as successors are ministers Gopal Rai, Atishi and Saurabh Bhardwaj.

Simultaneous polls on Union govt agenda

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

WITH the Modi 3.0 completing its first 100 days, highly-placed sources said the government will implement the 'one nation, one election' initiative during its current tenure.

The buzz in political circles of the national capital is that the BJP has struck an agreement with its coalition partners on this matter.

"Definitely, it will be implemented in this tenure itself. It will be a reality," a source said. Modi mentioned the initiative during this year's Independence Day address.

"What more is there to say when the prime minister has already shown his commitment? Wait for it as it is becoming a reality," remarked a source within the government.

Modi, in his August 15 address from Red Fort, called for national unity in support of the one nation, one election concept. He urged all parties to collaborate in this initiative. "The nation has to come forward for one nation, one election," Modi had said.

A high-level panel, chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind, had recommended conducting simultaneous elections for the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, followed by synchronised local body elections within 100 days.

EXPRESS READ

Tension after Palestinian flag waved in Ch'magaluru

Chikkamagaluru: Tension prevailed in Chikkagamaluru town on Sunday afternoon after two bike-borne youth went around waving a Palestine flag on the Kadur-Mangaluru road. Enraged Hindu activists, led by Santhosh Kotyana, assembled in front of the town police station and protested, demanding the arrest of the two youth. The protesters urged the police to trace the youth and take stringent action against them. They alleged that it was an attempt to disturb communal harmony in the town. ASP Krishnaurthy said a team has been formed to trace the miscreants. The protesters then withdrew their agitation. ENS

Healthcare crisis stares state in face, 2k vacancies of doctors yet to be filled

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT hospitals across the state are grappling with a severe crisis as they face a shortage of nearly 2,000 doctors as vacancies are yet to be filled, especially in rural areas.

Data till June suggest that there is a shortage of 744 specialists, 613 general duty medical officers and 558 medical professionals, including special medical officers and others. Even in the dental sector, 25 posts are vacant of the total 425 sanctioned posts.

Even as Health Commissioner Sivakumar KB is working to fill the 1,940 vacant positions across several roles, government hospital doctors lamented that lack of clear olicies defining the roles, responsibilities, and work ethics is not helping either.

A health department source said that though efforts are being made to fill posts in medical colleges, attracting candidates to the public sector is a challenge.

The official explained that doctors in rural health centres often have to juggle dual roles of healthcare providers and administrators. They also face the added strain of managing various health programmes, which diverts their attention from patient care to non-clinical administrative tasks. This not only affects patient care, but also discourages doctors from accepting rural posts, which many feel declines their clinical skills.

Lack of interest from medical professionals has forced hospitals to opt for short-term hiring to fill the gaps temporarily, further straining the system, the official added.

A source from Vani Vilas Hospital said doctors frequently work extended night shifts after attending to outpatients, which delays patient care. This leads to patients complaining about doctors not visiting them and not making enough rounds, the source added.

Doctors across various government hospitals in Bengaluru said challenges faced by them, specifically in rural areas, extend beyond administrative burden. **P5**

To mark the International Day of Democracy, students form a human chain on Mysuru Road in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

20L form human chains in state on Democracy Day: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

MARKING the International Day of Democracy, people from a cross-section of society, including children, formed human chains across the state on Sunday.

After flagging off the human chain in Bengaluru, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that over 20 lakh people took part in the event in the state. The aim of the event was to strengthen unity and send out a clear message to destructive forces, he added.

He urged people to rise up against divisive and destructive forces, which are aiming to break society under the guise of unity. He assured the people that the Constitution stands against such divisive forces. People, in their everyday life, should celebrate pluralism upheld by the Constitution, he added.

Siddaramaiah pointed out that India had a form of democracy and parliamentary systems during the times of Buddha and Basavanna. The "Anubhava Mantapa", started by Basavanna, was a symbol of early democratic institutions, he added. **CONTINUED ON: P2**

CM post elusive to Dalit leaders, even me: Dr G

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Tumakuru

HOME Minister Dr G Parameshwara here on Sunday raised the question as to why the chief minister's post in Karnataka has remained elusive to Dalit leaders, including himself, despite them having the potential.

"Leaders, including B Basavalingappa, Mallikarjun Swamy, KH Ranganath and Mallikarjun Kharge, missed the bus and I too," he said at the annual general body meeting of Sri Harthi Patttina Sahakara Sangha Niyamita, where he is also the chairman. The audience was quick to point out that Parameshwara has not missed the bus yet.

During the International Day of Democracy event here, an emotionally charged Parameshwara quoted the Father of the Constitution and Dalit icon Dr BR Ambedkar that political power is the master key by which one can open the doors of progress. He suggested that more people from the community get into politics by improving their efficiency to govern. "I have handled all the portfolios given to me and no one can question my integrity," he said. **P4**

After 10 months, 800 Hampi artistes still to be paid

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Hosapete

OVER 800 artistes, who performed at the 'Karnataka Sambhrama' event to mark 50 years of state's formation, are yet to get their remuneration.

The event was inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at Hampi in November last. With no help coming forth, they are planning to go on an indefinite protest.

The artistes were promised a remuneration of Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 for a six-member group. Although groups from other districts received remuneration within a few days after the event, those from Vijayanagara are yet to get it.

Deputy Commissioner MS Divakar said that due to some technical issues in the Kannada and Culture Department, some artistes have not received the promised remuneration.

"I will resolve the issues in a few days and steps will be taken to pay the artistes at the earliest," he added.

One of the artistes told *The New Indian Express* that he has been waiting for the last eight months for the money. "Whenever we approach the officials, they say funds will be released as soon as possible," he said. "We borrowed money to buy material to be used during our performance. We have to repay it, but the district administration is not keen on paying us," he said.

Artistes who performed in 'Karnataka Sambhrama' at Hampi | EXPRESS

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Monday:** 16.09.2024 • **Year:** Krodhi • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana
• **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Bhadrapada • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Thrayodasi 12.59 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Dhanishta 3.38 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER | MIN 19°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST Showers late. Broken clouds

Sunrise 06.08 am | Sunset 06.19 pm | Moonrise 05.07 pm | Moonset 04.08 am

CHIKKAJALA, BETTAHALASUR STNS AXED FROM METRO AIRPORT LINE

State govt, Embassy Group not keen to fully fund projects, say officials

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

CHIKKAJALA and Bettahalasur -- the two stations added late to the Bengaluru Metro's Airport Line -- have been dropped due to lack of funds. While the cost for the Chikkajala station is Rs 130 crore, for Bettahalasur it is Rs 140 crore.

The Airport Line has 17 stations along its 36.44-km network and the twin stations were proposed between Bagalur Cross and Doddajala stations. They were added because of pressure from different quarters after the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this Phase-2B line was approved by the state cabinet in January 2019.

A senior Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd official said, "The cost-sharing by the state and Centre for all Metro projects will not apply to the two stations as they were not part of the original DPR."

The state's high-powered committee had given its nod to the Chikkajala station. "Local residents had demanded the station. But Rs 130 crore was to come from the state government alone," the official added.

The funding proposal has been pending with the Urban Development Department for over a year now. "The government does not seem inclined to fund it, given its precarious financial position now," another official said. "BMRCL has gone ahead and continued laying the viaduct. It has carried out other construction activity along the originally proposed route in the DPR," he explained.

The official alleged, "A local MLA, who wanted the cost of his land in Chikkajala to soar, had brainwashed the residents that a Metro station was crucial. As of now, it does not seem like the state government is willing to fund it fully."

Work in progress for the Doddajala station along the Metro's Airport Line. Chikkajala and Bettahalasur which were part of the original plan have been dropped | EXPRESS

Embassy flip-flop

Meanwhile, Embassy Group, which mooted the Bettahalasur station as it would offer connectivity to the residents of its sprawling Embassy Boulevard Complex, is not showing any interest in extending funds. "This station will not be part of the Airport Line network anymore," another top official said. "We are trying to convince them to fund it though," he added. Embassy Group had signed an agreement with BMRCL in April 2020 to fund the station. It later backed out and BMRCL said it was dropping the station in December 2022. "In July 2023, Embassy Group again expressed its keenness to finance the station and signed an MoU to bear the Rs 140 crore cost. A token sum of Rs 1 crore too was paid," he added.

4th train set for Yellow Line reaches Mumbai port

The fourth train set for the Yellow Line from RV Road to Bommasandra from China reached Mumbai Port some days ago. "The shell of the coaches has arrived along with multiple parts and they need to be integrated at Titagarh Rail Systems in Kolkata for the Communications Based Train Control system or driverless technology," a top Metro official said.

"While one train set is on trial on the line in Bengaluru now, two train sets are getting ready at Titagarh," he added. The unavailability of train sets is holding up the operation along the completed Yellow Line.

VIGOUR ON DEMOCRACY DAY

As part of International Day of Democracy, pourakarmikas, folk artistes and students take part in a human chain before Vidhana Soudha and on Mysuru Road in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

4.8k Preambles hand-printed by students

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INTERNATIONAL Day of Democracy was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Vidhana Soudha on Sunday with many flocking to the venue to collect their hand-printed preamble of the Indian Constitution or witness a series of entertaining plays on democracy or read creative and thought-provoking posters by students. India Post also released a special postal cover to mark the International Day of Democracy at Vidhana Soudha.

A total of 4,800 Preambles were printed by students, families, and professionals at the 'Print Your Preamble' stall–one of the most popular attractions of the event by 'Reclaim Constitution' at the Vidhana Soudha steps. Students from the Azim Premji Univeristy showcased posters with themes such as inclusion, representation, and protection of fundamental rights, sparking conversation among attendees.

Another key feature of the event was 'Constitutional Observer' which was a comparative digital interface that allowed users to explore current and past parliamentary discourse in India. The interface showed how it can track legislative discussions, compare policy debates over time, and enhance public understanding of India's parliamentary processes.

The day-long event saw the participation of democracy ambassadors such as Harekala Hajabba, sanitation workers Nagalakshmi and Manjula, transgender activist Priyanka, and two specially-abled students, who stood beside the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to symbolise the spirit of Democracy Day.

Man breaches security, runs toward Siddu

Bengaluru: A man, who breached security by entering the stage during the Chief Minister's programme held in front of the Vidhana Soudha as part of the International Day of Democracy on Sunday, was arrested by the Vidhana Soudha police. The accused has been identified as Mahadev Nayak (28), a resident of Kanakapura, who works at a private automobile company. Sources said that he jumped onto the platform and attempted to approach CM Siddaramaiah, who was seated with cabinet colleagues and senior bureaucrats. His security personnel swung into action and immediately stopped him from coming close to the CM and whisked him away from the stage. Later, he was taken into custody by the local police. The police said that the man had come from Kanakapura to felicitate the CM by draping a shawl. A case was registered against him for breaching security protocols.

Postal dept releases special cover to mark Democracy Day

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday released a special cover brought out by the Karnataka Postal Circle to mark the International Day of Democracy. An official release said hundreds of free postcards were distributed to the public and students, urging them to write the Preamble of the Constitution on them and post it to friends and family. The initiative aimed to give the youth an experience of writing the preamble. The postcards are being despatched by the GPO.

'There should be no space for discrimination'

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REFERRING to the speech by the Father of the Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar, on November 25, 1949, Siddaramaiah said true political freedom is meaningful only when economic and social democracy is achieved. "As long as inequality exists in India, political freedom will lack real significance and country's freedom remains incomplete," he added. Efforts are underway to teach and instill these values in schools and colleges across Karnataka, he added.

He called for a Karnataka and India where peace and equality thrive with no space for discrimination. He emphasised that the government is working towards equality by implementing programmes that empower the poor and middle class from all castes and religions.

The CM accused BJP and its allies of being against the poor and middle class.

Book on IIMB campus flora, fauna released

ENS @Bengaluru

TO take readers on a journey through the rich biodiversity on the campus at the Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore (IIM-B), the institute launched a coffee table book titled - 'Exploring Nature: Flora and Fauna of IIM-B.' The book was released at the Bengaluru International Central Library on Saturday. The book authored by Professor G Shainesh from IIMB's marketing department, along with naturalists S Karthikeyan and Priya Venkatesh, shared their experiences in documenting the campus's flora and fauna.

Director Professor Rishikesha T Krishnan highlighted the often-overlooked greenery of the campus and mentioned that while people focus on IIMB's architecture, it is the biodiversity that makes it stand out.

BBMP fills up potholes as deadline ends today

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WITH the deadline for filling up potholes in the city coming to a close on September 16 (Monday midnight), the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is intensifying its efforts. On September 1, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, responding to numerous complaints of potholes in the city, directed BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath to fill up all of them in 15 days. He warned that an inspection of the works will follow and that strict action will be taken against officials if they failed to stick to the deadline, which ends today.

On Sunday, pothole filling works were taken up across the city. Dasarahalli Zonal Commissioner Girish said that filing work was underway along 46 kilometres of main and arterial roads in Dasarahalli. "We need 20 loads of asphalt to complete the work. Efforts are also being put to make other parastatal bodies who have dug up roads to repair it," he noted.

A BBMP official said that pothole filing works are ongoing across all the zones in the city. "Besides filling up potholes that have been reported to the BBMP, we are also filling up unreported one. We are yet to obtain the exact number of potholes filled till date," he added.

As directed by the Chief Commissioner, we will try to stick to the deadline or may get the work done in a day or two beyond the deadline. On Monday, the filling drive will be taken up extensively in the Bommanahalli zone.

EXPRESS READ

Trains partially cancelled

Bengaluru: Due to ongoing works between Bangarpet and Malur stations, one MEMU pair will be partially cancelled and regulated, beginning Monday.
Marikuppam-Krishnarajapuram MEMU Special: Journey commencing from Marikuppam will be partially cancelled between Bangarpet and Krishnarajapuram stations. The train will short terminate at Bangarpet.
Krishnarajapuram-Marikuppam MEMU Special: Journey will commence at Bangarpet and not Krishnarajapuram at the scheduled departure time. The train will be partially cancelled between Krishnarajapuram and Bangarpet stations.

Special trains to New Delhi to clear festive rush

Bengaluru: Owing to the anticipated surge during the upcoming festive season, South Western Railway Zone will operate one-way special trains from Bengaluru, Mysuru and Hubballi to Hazrat Nizamuddin Station in New Delhi. The timing and days of the special trains are as below:
SMVT Bengaluru-Hazrat Nizamuddin One-way Special Express (Train no. 06585) will depart from Sir M Visvesvaraiah Terminal on Tuesday (Sept 17) at 7pm and reach Nizamuddin on Thursday (Sept 19)
Mysuru-Hazrat Nizamuddin One-way Special Express (Train no. 06215) will depart from Mysuru on Monday (Sept 16) at 7.30pm and reach Hazrat Nizamuddin at 11pm Wednesday (Sept 18)
Hubballi-Hazrat Nizamuddin One-way Special Express (Train no. 07325) will leave SSS Hubballi on Sept 20 at 9.50pm and reach Hazrat Nizamuddin at 11.40am on Sept 22.

K'taka Bharat Gaurav Dwaraka Darshan from B'luru

Bengaluru: The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation announced the 'Karnataka Bharat Gaurav Dwaraka Darshan', which will begin from Bengaluru on September 28. According to an official release, the cost of the package is Rs 20,000. Besides, the Karnataka government will also offer a subsidy of Rs 5,000 on the fare for pilgrims. The tour will begin from from Sir M Visvesvaraiah Terminal in Bengaluru and includes stops at Tumakuru, Birur, Davangere, Haveri, Hubballi and Belagavi for the public to board. The trip covers Dwarkadhish temple, Beyt Dwaraka and Nageshwar Jyothirlinga, Somnath temple in Somnath and Trimbakeshwar Jyothirlinga in Nasik. The package includes 3AC train fare, accommodation in non-AC hotels on twin/trip sharing basis, wash and change in hotels, vegetarian meals, transfers, sightseeing, travel insurance, security and taxes.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16TH September : This is one of my favourite times of year. I'm not sure why, but it may have something to do with my birth-chart. We all have months we prefer, and it often comes down to when, exactly, we were born. In some strange way, the time that we come into the world plays a huge role in shaping our likes and dislikes.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Moon's current position reveals that just as one chapter comes to a close another is about to begin. Anticipate some surprises over the coming few days, and don't expect everything to work out as planned. Remember that even apparently unimportant events can have massive results.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
For the time being it may be better not to make too much of a song and dance about questions and issues which have been niggling you for some time. Be a wise Taurean and recognise that other people must be allowed to go their own way - and that they need your trust.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Today's lunar patterns reflect on the region of your chart responsible for your social life. The only possible prediction is that from now on new and stimulating people will be walking into your life. If you have been considering issuing an inspiring invitation, then your time has come.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Professional affairs and public ambitions are in a complicated state - and that's probably an understatement. My only advice is to insist that everybody sticks to the truth, but not at any price. First of all you need to negotiate a little - and find some common ground.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Astrologically this week could bring a few shocks, but almost certainly pleasant ones. Working conditions and legal questions seem to be the more important issues, and radical solutions may be the best. You could be fighting for a cause, and pursuing a matter of principle.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should now be in a position to pick and choose. In fact you ought to be covering a lot of new ground before long, and will be off in search of adventure and excitement. Give yourself a few more days before putting such plans into action - and make sure you're properly prepared!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
For a peace-loving Libran you appear to be perilously close to losing your temper and letting fly at people who are still withholding vital information. Partners may be more to blame than you, but what you need to do is establish the real issues - and then make your move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
If you feel out-of-sorts the cause is probably to be found in the Moon's relationship with the Sun. The time has come for some smooth talking - and tough action. You know that there is no point in agreeing with other people just to keep the peace, but one way or another you need them to see your point of view.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You should by now have learnt to trust in yourself, so don't listen to those who believe that you could improve on a personal transaction. You may have got the best deal you can right now. That doesn't mean that it's perfect, but at least it's a start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Life in all its many and various forms is still beset by more complications than you would like. There are way too many undercurrents for you to settle down and be confident that present conditions will last. But, then, change can be to your advantage if it brings the improvements you've been waiting for.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
In spite of the many potential misunderstandings which may mar the next few days, this is a marvellous period for friendship and co-operation. All personal contacts will go with a swing if you take the initiative, so write a letter, pick up the phone and do whatever you have to!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
At last the Piscean head is ruling the heart in matters financial. However, you must always remember that you have your own unique way of conducting your affairs, one which doesn't necessarily correspond to what other people hope or expect. So don't be surprised if they don't approve!

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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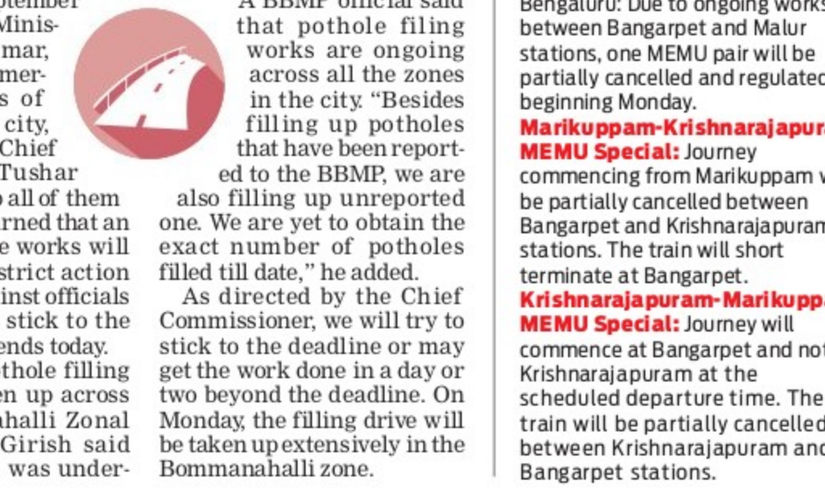
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

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9 Keys for the cupboards (7)
10 Susie's unruly brood (5)
11 A little lower - than the knee (4)
12 Could be spite due to being subordinates (8)
14 Wandered with me in the road (6)
16 As far as it goes (6)
18 Charm is a curious personal quality (8)
19 Third man to arrive sounds competent (4)
22 Pole in space; a scene of much action (5)
23 A French and a Western leader are in the dark (7)
24 He gets priceless ideas (11)

DOWN
2 Two score in Rome we hear and do better (5)
3 Need to transform the original garden (4)
4 Container ship (6)
5 Payments subject to approval (8)
6 Expulsion got us in trouble (7)
7 He's called on to help with current problems (11)
8 His occupation is subject to contract (11)
13 Wait a minute; the tea is brewing (8)
15 Unpaid companion in a biblical city (7)
17 Some British submarines returning to spring a trap (6)
20 A boring couple (5)
21 Fine fabric made of flax and grass (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Instil, 4 Skippers, 9 Lariat, 10 Dear, dear, 12 Name, 13 Shots, 14 Turn, 17 Held in camera, 20 Indian summer, 23 Aura, 24 Sweat, 25 Eric, 28 Ecstatic, 29 Rescue, 30 Absinthe, 31 Fiends.

Down: 1 Iolan the, 2 Scramble, 3 Ivan, 5 Kleptomaniac, 6 Port, 7 Erebus, 8 Spring, 11 Which is which, 15 Fiona, 16 Dry up, 18 American, 19 Crackers, 21 Pamela, 22 Crises, 26 Pawn, 27 Yeti.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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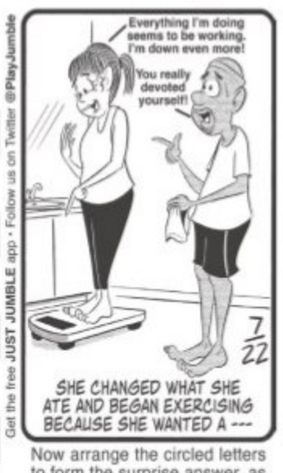
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: BLUNT SWOON JOVIAL HIDDEN
Answer: The former pro wrestler working as a bouncer enjoyed being able to — HOLD DOWN A JOB

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Congress leader Kusuma Hanumantharayappa, who had unsuccessfully contested against BJP MLA Munirathna from the Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly constituency, thanked contractor Chaluvaraju for "exposing" the legislator. "Munirathna abusing Dalits, women and Vokkaligas is unbecoming of an MLA," she said

'WE WILL WELCOME A HEMA COMMITTEE FOR SANDALWOOD'

EXPRESS Dialogues

IF the Karnataka government takes a decision to set up a panel, similar to the Justice Hema Committee set up by the Malayalam film industry to frame guidelines, we will welcome it, said Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) president **NM Suresh**. In a freewheeling interview with *The New Indian Express*, Suresh spoke on the impact of actor Darshan's arrest on the Kannada film industry, mass heroes sticking to the formula of doing only one movie a year, the impact of social media on movies and others.

According to you, what are the pre-requisites to be a film producer?
A basic knowledge of cinema is the main requirement. Some come to the industry after preparing themselves, while some think they are great producers even before stepping in. Without proper knowledge, it is difficult to be in cinema and the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC). As a producer, I have earned in crores and lost in crores. I produced 'Excuse Me' that earned in crores. In one of my films, I showed the wonders of the world and other film industries realised that even Kannada movie producers are capable of spending money and shooting abroad. Not all movies produced will be hits -- out of 10 films, one may be a success.

Are Kannada films dependent on mass heroes?
No. The film industry is not solely dependent on mass heroes. People also look at the story, direction, song and other aspects of the movie. Due to lack of material, many films are not released and due to this, B and C centres (theatres in districts and hoblis) have been closed. I urge the industry to do small-budget films which are of good quality. Among film industries, it is Kannada films that don't face many censor cuts. We make over 200 films every year with budgets starting from Rs 10 lakh to over Rs 50 crore. One film gives employment to many people.

We cannot compare our movies with those in other states as ticket rates differ. Only in Karnataka, ticket rates are high whereas in others, the rates are capped.

The Justice Hema Committee shed light on sexual exploitation and inhuman working conditions in the Malayalam film industry. After this, members of Film Industry for Rights and Equality (FIRE) Karnataka met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, urging him to set up a similar committee in Karnataka. What is your opinion on this?
As per my knowledge, incidents may have happened in the past. KFCC is the supreme body related to the Kannada film industry. We are nowhere related to FIRE. For any issues related to films and artistes, KFCC's decision is supreme. Stalwarts like Dr Rajkumar, Vishnuvardhan and Ambareesh had immense respect towards KFCC.

The only complaint relating to sexual harassment we received was in the Shruthi Hariharan case and we resolved it. Since I took charge as KFCC president, there have been no such incidents and no female artistes have complained to us. If some unrecognised outfits have met the CM without the knowledge of KFCC and given a letter, we cannot react.

Should the government set up a panel similar to the Justice Hema Committee?
If any artistes are facing sexual harassment or any problem in the Kannada industry, as president of KFCC, I promise that their complaint will be taken up immediately and justice will be served. Also, if the government takes a decision similar to the Malayalam industry and sets up a panel by appointing a retired judge and frames guidelines, we will welcome it.

After the Justice Hema Committee report, the Karnataka women's panel chief wrote a letter to KFCC, what is it all about?
We have called a meeting of all artistes on September 16, where the Karnataka State Commission for Women chairperson will be present. Those who have any complaints can register it that day in her presence.

How is the Malayalam film industry different from us?
Sexual exploitation is happening in all sectors and is not restricted to the film industry alone. Why should only the film industry be targeted? It's there everywhere and as senior actor Ramesh Aravind said, why should the film industry be singled out and targeted? Also, the Justice Hema Committee has not only exposed sexual exploitation but also highlighted wages, working hours and other issues.

Actors like Dr Rajkumar used to do three films a year. Mass heroes have restricted themselves to one film a year. Is it not impacting the industry?
After turning into mass heroes, they don't think about the Kannada industry that gave them food, clothing, shelter etc. When mass heroes deliver only one film in a year or two, other language films take over the space.

Why are ticket rates so high in Karnataka, while they are very affordable in other states?
For films like Leo and Goat, ticket rates went up to Rs 1,500 with shows opening right from 4am. Prime time for Kannada is not given by multiplexes and theatres. Multiplexes charge exorbitant rates, and we need to take steps. In 2017, the Siddaramaiah government ordered that ticket rates cannot be more than Rs 200. But multiplexes are not following this order and have got a stay. There is a strong lobby. We are working to get the stay vacated.

Are OTT platforms impacting the Kannada film industry?
OTTs are not taking Kannada films on their platforms. They are autonomous bodies. The government has to make a decision. The Competition Commission of India should decide.

Has actor Darshan's arrest affected the Kannada film industry?
To a certain extent, yes. But no film industry is dependent on one person or hero. In B and C centres, a few mass hero films run and Darshan being a mass hero, his films also run. People should encourage new talents. Kannada films are mostly hero-based, we also need to be a technician-based film industry.

After Renukaswamy's murder, there is no firm stand from KFCC against Darshan. Don't you think it sends a wrong message to the public about the Kannada film industry?
Earlier, when Darshan was jailed, his movie Sarathi became a superhit. We cannot gauge the emotions of people. Tomorrow when Darshan comes out on bail and completes his film Devil, it will be no surprise if the movie becomes a superhit. After a year, people start forgetting incidents. That doesn't mean I am justifying him, nor am I commenting on the matter as the court has to decide.
We are the supreme body of the Kannada film industry but cannot be held accountable for unforeseen incidents. An incident like this should not have happened now. The matter is in court, the law will take its course and we will respect the judgment. People asked me to ban actor Darshan, I said we cannot. He is not there now and it is a loss, but there are others and the industry will not shut down.

Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has directed the film industry to implement the Supreme Court order giving facilities like Open and Close captioning to people with hearing impairment, and another facility to visually challenged persons in theatres. What is your take?
We told CBFC we are not going to implement it as it is unscientific and will be an added burden on producers. I told them to give us at least two years to implement. I was told that producers would put up the equipment, and it would cost only Rs 50,000. But if you calculate 600 theatres, it is around Rs 30 crore. If you add multiplexes, all put together it comes to Rs 50 crore. It appears like some mafia is behind it. Earlier, they proposed to upload films only on UFO and QUBE platforms. It is a Rs 1,200-crore business for the platforms.

What is the annual turnover of the Kannada film industry? How do you view levying of cess on tickets, and OTT platform subscription?
Our estimate is that the Kannada film industry's turnover is more than Rs 500 crore. Two per cent cess is levied by the state government, and is a loss to producers. Minister Santosh Lad was approached to drop it but we still haven't got any response. The government may justify the cess by saying it is to look after cine workers. We have a body for that. If producers undergo loss, who will come? Before implementation, there should be a discussion with the people concerned.

Many single-screen theatres are being closed, what is your take on this?
My friend owns a theatre in Kunigal and has to pay Rs 1.75 lakh as tax. The same tax is levied on theatres in Bengaluru. How will this work for owners of theatres in B and C centres? Salaries for workers, maintenance and other costs will hit theatre owners. There is also a shortage of films. My humble request to mass heroes is to do at least one film a year. The industry made you and when the industry needs you, please stand by it.

As a producer, what is your take on controversial films like Kashmir Files, Kerala Story and Emergency, which is yet to be released? Also, what is the impact of social media on the fate of movies and industry?
Cinema should be treated as cinema. I have watched Kashmir Files, what is wrong with it? It went on to become a hit. By giving publicity, you are encouraging such movies. When you ask people not to watch a movie, it provokes people to watch it. I don't accept social media verdicts. It is people who will decide the fate of a movie. Also, I am not in favour of booking platforms giving ratings to movies. Not all go and watch a movie after looking at the ratings.

Does Karnataka encourage subsidies for films?
When I came to the industry, there was a subsidy for only 20 films. But now 200 films get subsidy. In India, it is only Karnataka state that encourages cinema by giving subsidies. The government wants good quality films. People should not misuse the subsidy; Rs 20 lakh is given for children's films and Rs 25 lakh subsidy is given for mythological films. In all, Rs 20 crore subsidy is given annually.

You mentioned the Kannda industry standing by the state's interest in terms of land, language and resources. What is your stand on the Mekedatu project?
Right from Dr Rajkumar, recent Kannada artistes and people from the industry are with Kannada land and language. Even Pro-Kannada outfits stand by it. We have to fight for our rights. We have done it in the past and will do so in future too. Mekedatu is a good project as it will benefit farmers from both states. Irrespective of the party, all should support this project.

No irregularities in issuing khata to 848 sites to co-op: MUDA ex-chief

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MUDA former chairman HV Rajeev (right) addresses the media on Sunday

HV Rajeev, former chairman of Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA), on Sunday said the khata and registration of 848 sites in favour of the Jnanaganga House Building Cooperative Society, of which he is the president, was completed over nine days, and there were no irregularities in the land deals.

Speaking to reporters, Rajeev said allegations by BJP MLA TS Srivatsa that he ignored the government's orders while releasing the sites to the society and completed the khata and registration processes within two days are baseless. "The site allotment was done legally," he claimed.

"The khatas for the 848 sites were not issued in a single day, but were processed legally in nine days. It was mentioned in the technical report. The sites were approved when I did not preside over MUDA meetings to avoid any conflict of interest. The society had paid the market rate to farmers to acquire the agricultural land. The land was converted from agricultural to residential use. The land map for 250 acres was approved by MUDA. The society had not encroached on the government land or the PTCL land (under the Karnataka SC and ST-Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands-Act). The society has 3,500 members and has allotted 2,500 sites," he said.

On Srivatsa's allegation that then MUDA commissioner DB Natesh wrote to the government on February 22, 2022, accusing Rajeev of misusing his powers as MUDA chairman, he said he was unaware of the letter. The letter also accuses Rajeev of acting beyond his jurisdiction and defying the government order and zonal regulations, and keeping files related to the housing society in his office instead of returning them to the MUDA commissioner.

"As I had brought Natesh's irregularities to the government's notice, he is making baseless allegations against me. But they are false. Our relationship deteriorated after I started opposing his decisions. Though the government was alerted, no action was taken against him," he alleged.

"There were several irregularities during Natesh's tenure as commissioner. The government has set up a one-man judicial commission that is investigating the irregularities. Once the report is submitted, the government will initiate action against the commissioners and officials who were found involved in the irregularities," he said.

Kalyana-K'taka on the brink of transformation

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

KALYANA-Karnataka, long considered one of the state's most backward regions, is about to witness a political and developmental move like never before. Just four months after the region handed a thumping victory to Congress in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, allowing the ruling party candidates to win all the five seats, the winds of change are blowing. It is payback time, and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his team are descending on the region for a game-changing Janata Darshan on September 30 in Kalaburagi.

The ruling party has to be grateful to voters here as BJP had won all the seats in the previous Lok Sabha elections in 2019.

With the bureaucratic machinery in full throttle, all the seven additional deputy commissioners have been appointed nodal officers to tackle the region's pressing problems. From crumbling infrastructure to health and education issues, people's concerns are set to be addressed almost instantly at the Janata Darshan, officials said. This is not just any grievance redressal meeting that the chief minister holds regularly. The state government is pulling out all stops to redress imbalances, identified years ago by the DM Nanjundappa Committee, which named these areas as some of the most deprived in Karnataka. Raichur and Koppal that once ranked last in human development indices are at the heart of this transformation.

Kumar Naik, a retired additional chief secretary-turned-MP for Raichur, said, "The level of backwardness was shocking then. When there were 19 districts, Raichur was the last in the list. But when the number increased to 28 with Koppal split from Raichur, the two districts stood at 27 and 28. I was hoping that they would move up the table, but they did not."

The CM will hold a high-powered cabinet meeting in Kalaburagi on September 17. Key issues from Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Yelburga, Ballari and Vijayanagar will take centrestage as ministers huddle to chart a new course for the region.

Sources said the CM understands this region better because he served as MLA from adjoining Badami between 2018 and 2023. The stage is set, the leaders are prepared, and the region watches in anticipation as the countdown to Kalyana Karnataka's development begins.

Yettinahole pipeline springs a leak, damages crops, roads

Sakleshpur: The state government's ambitious Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Project, which was launched recently, is giving sleepless nights to the people of Sakleshpur taluk. For the second time in a month, the project pipeline got damaged, releasing a huge quantity of water over two days into farmlands and damaging standing crops. Roads in some areas have also been washed away. Coffee estates and lands in low laying areas have been submerged with water. Water also entered houses in coffee estates in Jambaradi and adjacent areas. Earlier, the pipeline was damaged before the project's inauguration. Villagers said the pipeline is getting damaged frequently due to "substandard work". Sources said the pipeline was damaged due to continuous pumping of water with pressure from the gravitation tank near Hebbanahalli. -- **BR Udaya Kumar**

'Appointments to boards by month-end'

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AFTER taking part in the human chain formed as part of the International Day of Democracy, at Ujjanakunte in Sira taluk, Parameshwara said except India, none of the democracies in the world have given a constitution that reaches people of all religions. Inaugurating a makeshift Congress office, Parameshwara said directors and vice-presidents to boards and corporations will be appointed by September-end.

"As chairman of the 11-member committee, I have received 15,000 applications for 1,216 vacancies. The screening has been done and we will try our best to accommodate loyal party workers," he asserted. He said the government has maintained law and order in the state. "We have controlled many sporadic incidents. Attempts to disturb peace will not be tolerated and stern action will be taken against perpetrators," he warned.

He said the ongoing investigation into the Nagamangala riots will reveal the truth as to why the Ganesha idol procession route was changed.

MUNIRATHNA REMANDED IN POLICE CUSTODY FOR 2 DAYS

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A SPECIAL court on Sunday remanded RR Nagar BJP MLA Munirathna to two days in police custody. Munirathna was arrested on Saturday evening in connection with two FIRs registered against him.

The MLA was produced before a judge of the Special Court set up to try cases against present and former MPs/MLAs, and was remanded in two days police custody. Seshadripuram sub-division Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) was appointed investigation officer (IO) for the case.

A source said that during questioning, the MLA denied the allegations and claimed they are part of a political conspiracy. Meanwhile, police are preparing to send the audio, in which the MLA allegedly threatened the contractor and used foul language against Scheduled Castes, for forensic tests to determine the veracity of his claim.

Late Saturday night, Munirathna was taken for a medical examination before being taken to the residence of the judge. The former minister was arrested near Nangali village in Kolar, and brought to the city after two FIRs were registered against him at Vyalikaval police station on Friday.

The first FIR, filed by contractor Chaluvaraju, accused the MLA of harassment for bribes, criminal intimidation, cheating and causing voluntary hurt.

The second FIR, registered by a former corporator named Velunayakar, accused the MLA of allegedly making casteist slurs against him. This case was registered under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and IPC.

DO NOT POLITICISE ARREST, SAYS HEBBALKAR

Belagavi: There is no political vendetta behind the arrest of BJP MLA and former minister Munirathna, said Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a programme to mark the International Democracy Day in Belagavi on Sunday, Hebbalkar said, "Who engages in hate politics? Everyone is aware of what Munirathna has done. Did Congress leaders provoke Munirathna to misuse his power or resort to blackmail? His current situation is more like a self-inflicted curse." The minister said there was no need to politicise the incident. Munirathna was arrested by the police for allegedly threatening a civil contractor, demanding a bribe and using casteist slurs. **ENS**

Suresh flays HDK, Ashoka for backing arrested MLA

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FORMER MP DK Suresh on Sunday slammed Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy and Assembly Opposition Leader R Ashoka, saying that the two, despite being Vokkaliga leaders, are supporting MLA Munirathna, who allegedly hurled casteist slurs against the community, particularly women.

The BJP MLA has been arrested for allegedly threatening a BBMP contractor and a former councillor. An audio clip of Munirathna allegedly abusing the contractor with casteist slurs has gone viral, triggering protests.

"Don't politicise the issue. Please clarify whether your party's stand is the same as yours. How would you have reacted if a Congress leader had spoken like this," he asked. "Some leaders and the Leader of the Opposition are trying to give it a political colour. Is it right to do so when the evidence is crystal clear? His slurs against women are unacceptable and so are his words against the Vokkaliga community," he said.

The Kempegowda International Airport has set up an on-site isolation zone to manage suspected cases of Mpox, said airport operator, BIAL. A BIAL spokesperson said, "All international passengers are being thoroughly checked for elevated temperatures as part of the screening process. Our medical services are equipped to handle any situation that may arise."

SEE YOU SOON!

Devotees play dhols while taking out a procession to immerse huge Ganesha idols at Ulsoor Lake, in Bengaluru on Sunday, the 9th day after Ganesh Chaturthi | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, PTI

3 drown while immersing Ganesha idol

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THREE persons including a father and son drowned while immersing the Ganesha idol in a tank at Ranganahatti hamlet near Marasandra in Turuvekere taluk on Sunday afternoon.

The deceased have been identified as Revanna(49), his son Sharath (26) and Dayananda (22). About eleven persons went to immerse the idol, while Sharath and Dayananda ventured into the tank to immerse the idol. They got entangled in the silt and shouted for help. Revanna, who jumped into the tank to rescue them too met with the same fate, and the trio drowned. The fire brigade crew launched an operation to fish out the bodies.

Tumakuru SP Ashok K V said, Ranganahatti is a small hamlet of seven eight houses, and the police security was not sought for the immersion of the idol. "Usually we provide security suo-moto in big towns, and the immersion takes place at the designated tanks with all security measures," he clarified.

Ballari gets temp check-posts to maintain L&O at festive parade

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

THE Ballari police department has opened five temporary check-posts at the entry points of the city and district, as part of the security measures, to prevent communal clashes and maintain peace during the Eid-e-Milad procession, and the Ganesha idol immersion.

The police said that the additional five check-posts will help in keeping a check on the people and vehicles entering and exiting the city.

Barricades have been put up, and security staff has been deployed along with CCTV cameras installed at sensitive locations. Senior police officers have instructed the staff to maintain a record of all people and vehicles entering, and exiting the district.

A senior police officer said, "It has been observed that in most incidents of communal clashes, rowdy-sheeters and miscreants are involved. Check-posts help us to collect information about people, vehicles and what is being transported in them. As per the guidelines issued by the state government, rowdy-sheeters have been taken into preventive custody till both the processions are over."

The officer added, "We are also requesting parents not to allow their children, especially youngsters to step out, in case of any untoward incident. Police department's ERSS 112 is always ready to help the public during any emergency."

CCB, city cops raid Central Jail, seize phones, weapons

Police find 15 phones, 3 chargers, 5 knives after two-hour-long raid

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IT has only been a few days after the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services came under fire, as actor Darshan's photos and videos surfaced, suggesting that he was allegedly given special treatment inside the Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara, where he was under-trial for a murder case.

And yet, it appears that the department has not learnt any lesson from this episode, as the Central Crime Branch and the City Police seized mobile phones and weapons from inside the prison, during a raid on Saturday evening.

Around 30 police personnel raided the prison for over two hours, and found as many as 15 mobile phones, three chargers, five knives, seven electric stoves, a pendrive, and earphones.

Sources said that a mobile phone was also found in the barrack of rowdy-sheeter Wilson Garden Naga. All the phones that were seized are being analysed.

It may be recalled that a video and photograph of actor Darshan Thoogudeepa having tea and cigarette with Wilson Garden Naga and other prisoners had gone viral on August 25. Following which, nine prison officers including the chief superintendent of the prison, were suspended and three FIRs were registered. Actor Darshan was shifted to Ballari Jail, and other accused in the Renukaswamy murder case were also moved to different prisons across the state.

'Improve infra, provide better conditions for docs in rural areas'

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LACK of adequate facilities, poor infrastructure and insufficient staff create a high-risk environment that further strains healthcare delivery, they added. A senior doctor from the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute said that many rural health centres operate with limited resources, making it difficult for them to provide quality care. Living conditions in staff quarters are often substandard, and access to good schools for their children and basic amenities is limited. These factors have led to reluctance among doctors to serve in rural areas, the doctor added.

Unless policymakers address these issues by clearly defining responsibilities, improving infrastructure and providing better living conditions, the rural healthcare sector will continue to struggle, the doctors added.

EXPRESS READ

2 dead, 6 injured as 7 vehicles collide

Belagavi: In a series of accident on NH-4, where three cars, two lorries, one container vehicle, and a two-wheeler, rammed into eachother, two people were killed and six others sustained serious injuries, on Sunday. The injured were shifted to the Nippani Taluk hospital. It is suspected that the driver of container vehicle lost control, leading to the accident. Nippani police have registered a case.

NIMHANS hosts mental health forum

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THE National Institution of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), and the Indian Association for Geriatric Mental Health (IAGMH), hosted a two-day conference - 20th Annual National Conference of the IAGMH—GERON 2024, on September 13 and 14.

Nearly 150 older adults from various senior citizen forums participated in the session on Geriatric Mental Health in India - Past, Present and Future. The topic explored the evolution of mental health care for elderly in India. This year also marked the 25th anniversary of NIMHANS Geriatric Clinic.

Over 350 professionals from psychiatry, psychology, nursing and other allied fields participated in over 10 workshops including neuropsychological assessment, digital use among the elderly, cognitive behavioural therapy, geriatric mental health, nursing and dementia care.

FAKE NDPS CASE

4 cops suspended for wrongful arrest

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FOUR police personnel attached to the Banashankari police station were suspended after wrongfully arresting two innocent people in a Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances(NDPS) case, based on a tip-off from an informant and subsequently remanding them into judicial custody.

The suspended officers are Police Sub Inspector (PSI) Sridhar Gugri, Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) SK Raju, and constables Satish Bagali and Thimmanna Pujar.

A senior officer said that on August 9, the Banashankari police, based on a tip-off from Rajan, who had been an informant for many years, arrested two individuals on the charges of selling narcotics near Kadarenahalli. The police seized more than 400 grams of drugs hidden in the two-wheeler of the accused. Later, the accused were sent to judicial custody.

after which, the accused's family lodged a complaint with the city Police Commissioner, suspecting that Rajan had framed them. Rajan was said to have personal animosity towards the two accused, and had conspired to implicate them. He planted the drugs in their two-wheeler with the help of a friend Charitra, and had tipped off the police, who arrested the two suspects without verifying Rajan's information.

Based on the complaint against Rajan, DCP (South), ordered the ACP of Subramanyapura sub-division, to investigate the matter and submit a report. The ACP submitted a report on September 12, which revealed that Rajan had indeed provided false information. Following the development, Rajan and Charitra were also arrested, and the court granted bail to the suspects.

DESPITE PRISM-H APP, DENGUE OUT OF CONTROL IN K'TAKA

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S Disease Surveillance Dashboard and PRISM-H App, launched in 2023, to manage disease control, have failed to manage the state's dengue crisis, which was recently declared as an epidemic, after the number of dengue cases crossed 25,500 statewide.

The app provides a four-week predictive risk maps of the outbreak at district and sub-district levels across Karnataka, and tracks case trends over the years. Despite its potential, experts mentioned that the app was under-utilised, and beyond the source reduction activity, very little was done before or during the monsoon season to combat the outbreak.

In addition to the predictions, through the app -- data from multiple sources is being standardised and streamlined for improved analysis. Experts argue that the health campaigns and measures could have been tailored and intensified in vulnerable areas identified by the app.

An official from the health department mentioned that they have been using the app to identify mosquito breeding spots, and survey households. Apart from this, all measures including distributing ovitraps - which attract and eliminate Aedes mosquitoes, were distributed, and beds for the patients across the city were reserved. Experts, however, countered that while these actions were taken, they were executed too late to be fully effective. They said that dengue is not a new disease, and its patterns are well-known, suggesting that early intervention could have prevented the outbreak.

Sources from Bowring Hospital, on the condition of anonymity, explained that the outbreak should have been identified by analysing previous year's situation, and measures should have been implemented in those areas before the onset of monsoon.

Highlighting the operational guidelines for prevention and control of Aedes mosquitoes, the official mentioned that, to prevent vector breeding, tree holes in the surroundings, especially in the hospital premises should have been filled with sand during monsoon. Besides, insect growth regulators (IGRs) could have been used to interfere with mosquito larvae, preventing them from maturing into adults.

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As per uniform guidelines, issued by our Corporate Centre, Mumbai, SBI, Bengaluru Circle invites applications for empanelment of valuers. The interested applicants shall submit the application form along with other relevant enclosures / documents till 27.09.2024 at the nearest SBI branch / Business Unit.
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FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach of customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Friday 27-09-2024 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.'

Arakalgud 08175-220780 **FEDGL0036**0012532, 0012533, 0012534, 0012535, 0012536, 0012575 **Arasikere** 08174-299941 **FEDGL0414**0005522, 0005474, 0003794, 0003797, 0003815, 0003841, 0003856, 0003871, 0003873, 0005473, 0005521, 0005523 **B H Road** 8162277793 **FEDGL0103**0017848, 0017868, 0017888, 0017855, 0017954, 0017957, 0017866, 0017907, 0017911, 0017916, 0017926, 0017929, 0017938, 0017969, 0017977, 0018023, 0013970, 0013980, 0013991, 0014005, 0014056, 0014072, 0014092, 0014107, 0014137, 0014138, 0014145, 0014159, 0014160, 0018026, 0015251, 0016504, 0017756, 0017854, 0017864, 0017867, 0017906, 0017910, 0017914, 0017925, 0017928, 0017937, 0017953, 0017967, 0017976, 0018022, 0017757, 0017869, 0018389, 0018541, 0018646 **BASAVESHWARA NAGAR** 080 41900282 **FEDGL0011**0011803, 0011827 **BELGAUM** 0831 4201487 **FEDGL0136**0006184, 0006185, 0006186, 0006187, 0006197, 0006210, 0006219, 0006238, 0006723, 0006751 **BELUR** 08177 222100 **FEDGL0159**0010775, 0010777, 0010824 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**FEDGL0046**0014288, 0014293, 0014299, 0014307, 0014309, 0014312, 0014329, 0014337, 0014352, 0014362, 0014367, 0014371, 0014425 **H D Kote** 08228-297033 **FEDGL0058**0011479, 0011504, 0009488, 0009502, 0009521, 0009526, 0009528, 0009530, 0011478, 0011503 **Hagaribommanhalli** 08397-239003 **FEDGL0100**0010306, 0010307, 0010315, 0010325, 0010351, 0010359, 0010364, 0010371, 0010377, 0012561 **HANSUR** 08222 250114 **FEDGL0162**0017176, 0017184, 0017189, 0017196, 0017202, 0017203, 0017209, 0018549 **Harappanahalli** 8398281429 **FEDGL0104**0009940, 0009959 **HARIHAR** 08192-242865 **FEDGL0022**0014484, 0014488, 0014500 **HASSAN MARKET** 08172 235324 **FEDGL0157**0013581, 0013591, 0013599, 0013606, 0013611 **HAVERI** 8375232810 **FEDGL0181**0011024, 0011025, 0011027, 0011065 **HENNUR** 080-41979377 **FEDGL0015**0004865, 0004883, 0005054, 0005075, 0005092 **Holenarsipura** 08175-273733 **FEDGL0059**0021935, 0021954, 0021963, 0021984, 0021991, 0021998, 0022021, 0022022 **HOSA ROAD** 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Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 26-09-2024 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 16-09-2024
Place : Karnataka
For, sd/- Authorised Signatory
Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.,

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Mode only)
No.: SE(E)/Tr(W&M)/AEE(CIVIL)/24-25/Cys-35 & 36 Date: 13.09.2024
KPTCL invites bids following works.
1. Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/AEE(C)/Trans/W&M/DVG/24-25/CYS-35, Date: 13.09.2024** for the works coming in the Transmission(W&M)Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.
2. Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/AEE(C)/Trans/W&M/DVG/24-25/CYS-36, Date: 13.09.2024** for the works coming in the Transmission(W&M)Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere. (Short Term Tender) (Manual Mode only).
The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry can be got by logging on to KPTCL Website: **https://kptcl. karnataka.gov.in** with Hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **18.09.2024.**
Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, (Ele)
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: EEE/AEE(O)/AET/MWD/MYS/2024-25/F-862/1788 Date: 12.09.2024
NOTIFICATION
Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under section 28 and clause(e) of section 18 of the Indian Electricity Supply Act 1948 and the scheme is herewith published in pursuance of section 29(2) of the said act and also under Indian Electricity Act 2003 section 67 to be read with 67(2), this notification is issued for information of the General public. Particulars of scheme are as hereunder.
Name of the Work: Replacement of Drake ACSR conductor by Drake equivalent HTLS conductor on existing 220kV DC towers from 400kV Bastipura Sub-station up to 220kV Hootagally Sub-station for a distance of 6.419kms in Mysuru Taluk and District.
Salient Feature: To mitigate overloading of the existing transmission line, Strengthening of Transmission network and to Reliability & Redundancy in power supply and to meet future load growth in and around **MYSURU** & adjacent urban area/villages.
Areas Passing Through: Basthipura, Koorgalli/Koorgalli Industrial area, Yelwala, Belwadi, Hootagally.
Approximate Length Line: 6.419kms.
Approximate cost: 1727.62 Lakhs.
KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers under the section 164 of Indian Electricity Act 2003 read with para (iii) of the Indian Telegraph act 1885 (10 to 19 & 19A of 1885) for implementation of the above said scheme. Any objection regarding the above scheme shall be sent to the under signed office within **One month** from the date of Publication of this notification for consideration by Corporation.
Sd/- Executive Engineer(E), Major Works Division, KPTCL, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570007.

LOST

I, **Chandrika .B.C,** r/at No.109, 19th Main Road, J C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore-560 086, hereby declare that I have lost the Gift Deed document of Site No.2, situated at BBMP ward no. 40, Assessment No.26/7, Indiranagar, Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, which was executed in the name of Thimmaiah to Smt T.Lakshmi, w/o Sridhar Gowda. Police complaint has been lodge. Lost report no. 1240515/2024, dt: 14-9-2024, Bangalore City. If anyone finds the above said documents please inform to this Mobile No. **9632063064.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT MISSING

Notice is hereby given that my client, Smt. ShantaGururaja Rao W/o C. G. Gururaja Rao, is the absolute owner of apartment bearing No.2C situated in 1st Floor of "PAVAN PARADISE", 1st Block, Thyagarajanagar, BBMP New Khatha No. 63/16, BBMP Ward 154 Basavanagudi, PID No. 51-91-63/16. My client has purchased the said apartment vide a sale deed dated 09.02.1998 executed by Smt. P. S. Chandrakala and others and registered Document No.3765/1997-98 in the office of the Sub Registrar Basavangudi, Bangalore.

My client has lost the original sale deed dated 09.02.1998. A lost article report is lodged on 15.09.2024 vide Lost Report No.1241414 of 2024.

All persons are hereby informed to put in their claims/objectionsabout the above-said sale deed and/or about the aforesaid apartment or any part thereof within a period of 15 days along with sufficient evidence from the date of publication of this notice to the below address.

If anybody is in possession of the original sale deed dated 09.02.1998 of the said apartment, they are requested to hand over the same to the below address.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **LATHA.G** W/o Shivakumar.M.S D/o Late Girish Aged about 49 years, R/at No.968/4, Sree Channa Someshwara Nilaya Coconut Garden Street T.Dasrahalli, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560057 and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **M.S.LEELAVATHI, W/O M.S.GIRISH, as She died on 23/10/2022 at No.45, 1ST Cross, D Street, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023.** If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the Hon'ble 13th A.C.J.M. Court **on 05/10/2024 at 11-00 AM in C.Misc. No.8139/2024.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR, COURT OF THE 13th A.C.J.M BENGALURU
Sri SHANKAR .G.V, ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **Sri. C.V.JOY,** S/o. Late C.K. Varghese, Aged about 59 years, R/at. No.3, Anepalya Main Road, Bangalore-560 030. and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **C.K. VARGHESE S/o. LATE. KURIYAN, who was died on 13-04-2021 at Flat No.101, 3 M.K Residency, Dhiladaphia, Bangalore-560 043.** If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the Hon'ble **22nd** A.C.J.M. Court **on 14/10/2024 at 11-00 AM in C.Misc. No. 7819/2024.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR, COURT OF THE 22nd A.C.J.M BENGALURU
Smt. MANJULA .R, ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client **SRI.ANSHU KUMAR .P.C.** Son of Sri.T.V.Balakrishnan has lost the original of General Power of Attorney dated 23.06.1993 executed by Sri.D.M.Chandrappa in favour of Sri.T.V.Balakrishnan, which is duly notarised before Notary public, pertaining to the immovable property bearing **Site No.13,** Khatha No.375, Assessment No.4, situated at Shettihalli Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) about some months back in transit. In case the same is traced by anybody they should hand over the same to the undersigned and also in case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest over the said property, they shall lodge their objections with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice.

D.S. BHAT, Advocate,
M/s. BHAT ASSOCIATES,
1st Main, 5th Cross, Yeshwanthpur,
BENGALURU - 560 022.
Mob : 9916994581
BENGALURU, DATE : 14.09.2024

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

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TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.3,57,89,780/- (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty only)** as on **11-09-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **12-09-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Astadik Overseas, No.1376/1, Kathriguppe Main Road, Ashok Nagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560060. No.2) Mr. Prashanthraj, S/o. Nagaraj, No.1376, Kathriguppe Main Road, Ashok Nagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560050. No.3) Mrs. Pooja Raj, W/o. Prashanthraj, No.1376, Kathriguppe Main Road, Ashok Nagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560050. No.4) M/s. Astadik Agro Industry, 46/2, Yedamadu Village, Horahalli Hobli, Kanagapura Taluk, Bangalore - 560079. No.5) Mrs. Naganandhini, W/o. Nagaraj N, No.1376, Kathriguppe Main Road, Ashok Nagar, BSK I Stage, Bangalore - 560050. No.6) Mr. Nagaraj N, S/o. Narasimaiah, No.1376, Kathriguppe Main Road, Ashoka Nagar, Banashankari I Stage, Bangalore - 560050**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Prashanthraj, S/o. Nagaraj)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing the Site No.68/1, situated at 8th Main, Ashok Nagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Kathriguppe Main Road, Bangalore, Measuring : East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, bounded on : East by : Property No.1379, West by : Property No.1376/68, North by : Property No.1375, South by: Property No.1377 along with the Super built -up area of 2,649 Sq. ft.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,80,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Prashanthraj, S/o. Nagaraj)

All that piece and parcel of the industrial converted land measuring 1 Acre, in Sy.No.46/2, Yedamadu Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk and bounded on the : East by : Government Passage, West by: Lands of Krishnappa and Puttaswamy, North by : Government Road, South by : Siddaiah Property along with the Super built-up area of 10,750 Sq.ft.

Reserve Price : Rs.3,51,00,000/-
(Rupees Three Crore Fifty One Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
23-10-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch,** No.92, Z Square, Gr Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch, No.92, Z Square, Gr Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 13-09-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

MARRIAGE NOTICE

No. DUBA/Cons/434/MR/2024-(47)
Dated: 28/08/2024

Mr. TEJAS PRAMOD BUBANE
S/O PRAMOD ONKAR BUBANE
Resident of 1294, 21st B MAIN, 11th CROSS, SECTOR 1, HSR LAYOUT, BENGALURU, PIN:560102, KARNATAKA, INDIA.
Present Address C306, HANOVER SQUARE, AL BARSHA SOUTH, DUBAI, UAE.

And **Miss. MADHUMANTI MITRA**
Daughter of TAPAN KUMAR MITRA
Resident of 8 MANICHTALA WEST PO NAWABGANJ ICHAPUR, NOAPARA, NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN:743144, WEST BENGAL, INDIA.
Present Address 310, AL NAYLI BLDG, DUBAI SILICON OASIS, DUBAI, UAE.

Above mentioned Indian Nationals are presently residing in the UAE have given notice of intended marriage between them under the foreign marriages act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage, he/she should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the act/rules within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice on email:

cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in
cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in

(**Bijender Singh,** Marriage Officer)
Consulate General of India
P.O.BOX : 737, DUBAI (UAE),
FAX NO. 0097143970453
Email: cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in
cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in
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Before Sole Arbitrator, Mr. Jayesh K Unnikrishnan

Jayesh.ku@gmail.com

RE: ARB.P. 900/2024

Between:
Zimmer India Private Limited ...Claimant
Versus
Pinnacle
Through Legal Heir of
Late C.V. Krishna Murthy ...Respondent

To,
Mrs. Sandhya Krishna Murthy, Legal Heir of Late Mr. C.V. Krishna Murthy, Sole Proprietor, Pinnacle 39/2, 1st Floor, K.R. Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560070
cvk.pinnacle@gmail.com

Take notice that the Claimant invoked arbitration in ARB P No. 900 of 2024 whereby Mr. Jayesh K. Unnikrishnan was appointed as the Sole Arbitrator. Notice was issued by the Ld. Arbitrator on 19.08. 2024 for hearing on 24.08.2024. Thereafter, matter was listed on 09.09.2024 on which date direction was given to issue notice by publication in 2 newspapers having wide circulation in Bangalore. The next date before the Sole Arbitrator is on 24.09.2024 at 4:00 pm. If no appearance is made on your behalf, by yourself, your advocate or by someone authorized by law, the dispute will be determined in your absence.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.4,11,15,891/- (Rupees Four Crore Eleven Lakh Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety One only)** as on **10-09-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **11-09-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Balaji Steel and Pipes, Nos. 4, 16 & 17, Sy. No. 68, Mylasandra, Uttarahalli, Kengeri, Bangalore - 560060. No.2) Mr. P. Venugopal Naidu, S/o. Late P.G. Kannaiah Naidu, No.77/5, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560070. No.3) Mrs. P. Subbamma, W/o. P. Venugopal Naidu, No. 77/5, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560070.**

Note : That our **109-Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080093439) dated **07-10-2022** requested by No.1 of you represented by Nos. 2 and 3 of you as Partners for which Nos.2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.35,00,000/-** at a **ROI** of **12.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **25-01-2023** and the outstanding balance as on **10-09-2024** is **Rs.3,67,013/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **11-09-2024** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. P. Venugopal Naidu, S/o. Late P.G. Kannaiah Naidu)

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Property bearing Block No.13, in Sy. No.107 measuring 11.5 Guntas (Totally Measuring 12,523.5 Sq. feet), converted as per the conversion Order No. BDS. ALN(s)SR.(KT)15/2004-05, dated 20-05-2004 situated at Hemmigepura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now Coming under the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigepura, Ward No.198, in BBMP Khatha No.571/255/13 and bounded by : East by : Block No.12 in Sy. No. 107, West by : Road, North by : Road and South by : Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.4,00,00,000/-
(Rupees Four Crore only)

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mrs. P. Subbamma, W/o. P. Venugopal Naidu)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Land and building Property bearing Site No.77/8, BBMP Khatha No.61/6, PID No.55-124-11, Measuring : East to West 40 Feet, North to South towards Eastern Side 12, Western Side 36 feet, along with Residential Building, situated at Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on : East by : Remaining Portion of same Property, West by : Road, North by : Property belongs to Dr.Ballal and South by : Smt. Neelamma Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,00,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
09-10-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch,** No.92, Z Square, Gr Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

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Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 13-09-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - B: (Property Owned by Mr. Syed Shafiq Ahmed, S/o Mr. Syed Ahmed Pasha)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy.No.56/2, measuring 0.06 Guntas situated at Tattekere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatne Taluk, Ramnagara. Bounded on: East by - Road, West by - Sy.No.61/2, North by - Private Property, South by - Magadum Sa Property.

Schedule - C: (Property Owned by Mr. Syed Shafiq Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Syed Ahmed Pasha)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy.No.61/2, measuring 0.22 Guntas situated at Tattekere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk. Bounded on: East by - Road, West by - RT Narayanaswamy Property, North by - Private Property, South by - Magadum Sa Property.

Reserve Price: Rs.1,50,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakh Only) (For Schedule - B & C)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
04-10-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch,** B.M. Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571 511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

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Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 13-09-2024 **Authorised Officer**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that and also under the instructions of our client that Our clients i.e., Sri. Gopala Krishna and Smt. Gayathri Devi both are Residing at 1421, 2nd Cross, Govindarajanagar Bangalore-79, Sri. Ashok Kumar, Sri. Sanjay Kumar, Smt. Vijayamala, Smt. Asha Devi, Smt. Pramela Devi are all children of Late Sri. B V Kenchappa are the absolute owners of Schedule Property referred hereunder and they state and notify to the General Public that their father late Sri.B.V. Kenchappa has executed a General Power of Attorney infavour of Sri. M Prakash S/o P Muniswappa R/a 628, 1st floor, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, 1st Stage, Indira Nagar Bangalore dated 18.09.1995 which is registered as Document No.313/95-96 in the office of Sub Registrar, Devaahalli, Bangalore Rural and further they want to inform that their father Sri. B V Kenchappa has deceased on 30.12.1999 In view of the death of their father the General Power of Attorney dated 18.09.1995 executed by Sri B V Kenchappa has become inoperative and ceased to exist in the eyes of law. Further from the date of death of their father, our clients are tried to reach out Sri. M Prakash and to inform him about the inoperative of GPA dated 18.09.1995 but with due diligence, their efforts have became a futile exercise and hence, They want to bring to the notice of the General public and M Prakash that the GPA dated 18.09.1995 not enforceable in the eyes of law and the GPA dated in no longer in existence. And the same has been notified in the Kannada Prabha Daily by way of public Notice on 14.08.2024

It is further noticed to General Public our clients have executed a Power of attorney dated 18.06.1997 which is registered as Document No.186/97-98 in the office of Sub Registrar, Indiranagar, Bangalore and Power of Attorney dated 18.06.1997 which is registered as Document No.185/97-98 in the office of Sub Registrar Indiranagar Bangalore respectively in favour of Smt. Hema Prakasah W/o M Prakash and Smt. Lalitha Babu W/o Dr. Nimmane Babu and in the said GPA our clients have given power for signing as consenting witnesses in view of the GPA Dated 18.09.1995 executed by their Father late B V Kenhappa. We would to bring kind notice of the General Public that two people who executed the GPA dated 18.06.1997 ie. Puttamma W/o late B V Kenchappa died and predeceased Leelamma and Leelamma W/o B V Kenchappa died on 30.04.2001. In view of the death of the principal/s the both the GPAs dated 18.06.1997 have become null and void from the date of their death, for all the purposes. Hence, both GPAs are non-est in the eyes of law.

Hence, notice is given to general Public that Anybody transacting in respect of the Schedule Property with any person/s other than our client, shall be doing so at their own risk and cost and our client shall not be responsible for the same in any manner.

If any person/s finds out the same, the Public is hereby requested intimate the same to the address mentioned hereunder or our Client, in person and for which my client is highly obliged and thankful.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Dry Agricultural Land bearing Survey No. 6, Situated at Hagalakote Village, Channarayanapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk Bangalore Rural, District measuring 4 acres and bound as follows:
East : Gomala Land;
West : Portion of Sy No. 6;
North : Portion of Sy No. 6;
South : Portion of Sy No. 6.

Place: Bengaluru, Date: 15.09.2024

B.S.ANANTHAKRISHNA, Partner
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TO,
Mr.J.RAJAKUMAR
S/o.Mr.D.Jacob, No.19, T.H.Road, Kodungaiyur, Chennai-600118.
-Verses-
1. Mrs.PONMANI
W/o.Mr.P.Dickson Durai (Deceased)
2. Mr.D.AUGUSTUS RACKLAND
S/o.Mr.P. Dickson Durai (Deceased)
3. Mr.D.JOSHUA
S/o.Mr.P.Dickson Durai (Deceased)
4. Mr.D.CALEB
S/o.Mr.P.Dickson Durai (Deceased)
All are residing at:
Door No.226, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross Street, G.P.R Royal Layout, Electronic City, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 100.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE XVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL COURT AT CHENNAI
O.S.No.2391 of 2024

Mr.J.RAJAKUMAR
S/o.Mr.D.Jacob, No.19, T.H.Road, Kodungaiyur, Chennai-600118. **...Plaintiff**
-Verses-
1. Mrs.PONMANI
W/o.Mr.P.Dickson Durai (Deceased)
2. Mr.D.AUGUSTUS RACKLAND
S/o.Mr.P. Dickson Durai (Deceased)
3. Mr.D.JOSHUA
S/o.Mr.P.Dickson Durai (Deceased)
4. Mr.D.CALEB
S/o.Mr.P.Dickson Durai (Deceased)
All are residing at:
Door No.226, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross Street, G.P.R.Royal Layout, Electronic City, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 100. **....Defendants**

NOTICE

Please take notice that the above **Suit O.S.No.2391 of 2024** is filed by the Plaintiff before the Hon'ble XVIII Additional City Civil Court at Chennai against Mrs. Ponmani and 3 others. The Plaintiff took summons to the Defendants address; but the Defendants evades receiving the summons. The Plaintiff took steps for several times to serve summons and notice to the Defendants, but on all the occasions the Defendants purposely evaded to receive the summons. This Matter came up on **06.09.2024** before the above said court, after hearing the matter the Hon'ble Judge was pleased to order **Paper Publication** and posted the matter on **25.09.2024.**

Hence you or your counsel should appear before the above said court on **25.09.2024 at 10.30 A.M.** failing which the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

M/S EVA LAW FIRM
Dr.N. MOORTHI
B.Sc., M.L., D.Hum (USA)
Counsel for the Plaintiff
Office: No. 40/36, First Floor,
10 Avenue, Ashok Nagar,
Chennai-600 083. Cell: 95000 44423
evalawfirm2001@gmail.com

Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

DEMAND NOTICE

(NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.)

RC/109/2023 20-12-2023

BANK OF BARODA
Versus
M/S. BHRAMARI APPARELS.

In the Matter of;
BANK OF BARODA
(CH-1) (ERSTWHILE VIJAYA BANK) BASAVESHWARANAGAR BRANCH, NO.119/18,80 FEET ROAD, KHB COLONY, BASAVESHWARANAGAR, BENGALURU-560 079.

APPLICANT BANK/CERTIFICATE HOLDER
-VERSUS-

To., M/S.BHRAMARI APPARELS REP.BY ITS PROPRIETOR SRIVASANTHA SHETTY S/O.MUDDAPPA SHETTY, NO.3,1ST MAIN, 1ST CROSS, KARKALLU KAMASHIPALYA, BENGALURU-560079

AND ALSO AT: NO.7st "A" CROSS, RANGANATHAPURA, MAGADI MAIN ROAD KAMAKSHIPALYA, BENGALURU-560079.

...DEFENDANT/CERTIFICATE DEBTOR

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRTI in OA/65/2020 an amount of Rs.2128024.39 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousands Twenty Four And Paise Thirty Nine Only) out of which i) Defendant shall pay a sum of Rs. 1809254.39 along with cost, expenses and future interest @11%p.a. simple interest with yearly rest ii) Defendant shall pay a sum of Rs.318770.00 along with cost, expenses and future interest @10.60%p.a. simple interest with yearly rests w.e.f. 07/01/2020 till realization and costs of Rs.59005 (Rupees Fifty Nine Thousands Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, for further proceedings"

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 20th December 2023

SANJIV KUMAR)
RECOVERY OFFICER-I

COPY TO:-
BANK OF BARODA
(ERSTWHILE VIJAYA BANK)
BASAVESHWARANAGAR BRANCH,
NO.119/18,80 FEET ROAD,
KHB COLONY, BASAVESHWARANAGAR,
BENGALURU-560 079.

You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly.

The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars wherefrom the recovery of the debt is to be made.

RELIANCE ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED

Reliance Asset Reconstruction
Corporate Office: R-Tech Park, 11 th Floor, North Side, Opp. Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai- 400063.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSETS

Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (RARC), a Trustee of "Reliance ARC 008 Trust" is an assignee and a secured creditor of below mentioned borrower by virtue of Assignment Agreement dated 31.01.2015 executed with Lakshmi Vilas Bank.

The undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 hereby give notice to public in general that the below mentioned property shall be sold by way of "online e-auction" for recovery of dues. The properties shall be sold strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE" basis apart from other terms mentioned below.

Name of Borrower/Guarantors	Outstanding dues	Date of Possession
1. M/s. Ferron Enterprises **At: - No. 4/1, 2nd Cross Shamanna Garden, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560 030** **2. Mrs. Khuteja Khanum** **At: - 2/1, Dheer Singh Lane, 6th A Cross, Lalbagh Fort Road,Doddamavalli, Karnataka, Bangalore-560004** **3. N. Naseer Ahmed** **At: - 2/1, Dheer Singh Lane, 6th A Cross, Lalbagh Fort Road,Doddamavalli, Karnataka, Bangalore-560004**	**Rs.8,21,57,509.32/-(Rupees EightCroreTwentyOne Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Nine and Paise Thirty Two Only)**	20.05.2019

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY	RESERVE PRICE	EMD AMOUNT
All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No.1BC -301, PID No.89-397 1BC -301, 3rd block, Hennur road, banaswadi road layout, Bangalore within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of bruhat Bangalore MahagaraPalike, measuring East to West:9.00 Meters and North to South : 15.30 +14.50/2 Meters in all measuring 134.10 sq mtrs bounded as follows as East by: Property bearing site No.1 BC -303 West by: 3rd Main Road,North by: SWD and 1st C Cross,South by: 1st "B" Cross Road	**Rs.1,23,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Only)**	**Rs.12,30,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)**

Details Of Auction Events: -
Inspection of Property :1.10.2024 from 11.00 A.M. to 02.00 P.M.
Last date for bid submission :04.10.2024
Date of e-auction :07.10.2024 between 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. (with extension of 5 minutes each)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1) The property shall not be sold below the reserve price and sale is subject to the confirmation by Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (RARC) as secured creditor. The properties shall be sold strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE".
2) E-auction will be held through RARC's approved service provider M/s ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED at website: https://www.Auctionbazaar.com (web portal of ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED). E-auction tender documents containing online e-auction bid form along with General Terms and Conditions of online e-auction sale are available in websites: www.rarcl.com and https://www.Auctionbazaar.com intending bidders may download relevant documents.
3) The intending bidders are required to have a valid email id as the participation ID and password by e-auction agency shall be communicated at their e-mail id only.
4) Bidder has to mandatorily give undertaking under Section 29A of Indian Bankruptcy Code, 2016
5) Intending bidders have to submit their BID in the prescribed format with EMD remittance details along with self-attested KYC documents (PAN, AADHAR card etc) and the same shall be submitted to Authorized Officer of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (RARC) at 6th Floor, Khivraj Complex II, No.477-482, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai 600035 and by email to Satheesh.p.kumar@relianceada.com after which the participation ID and password shall be communicated at their email only. Last date of submission of Bid Form is on 04.10.2024. The bid form or EMD received late for any reason whatsoever will not be entertained. Bid without EMD and Bid below the reserve price shall be rejected summarily. Certificate of Sale will be issued in favour of successful bidder / bidders only and we will not entertain add and replacement of new bidder / bidders.
6) Neither RARC nor the service provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure on the part of the bidder on account of network disruptions. Toward off such incidents, bidders are advised to make all necessary arrangements such as alternative power back-ups etc.
7) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT fund transfer to Current Account No: '0175351000002502, Name of the Bank: DBS Bank India Limited, Branch: Matunga, Name of the Beneficiary: Reliance ARC 008 Trust, IFSC Code: DBSS0IN0175. Please note that the Cheque/Demand Draft shall not be accepted towards EMD.
8) The Bids below reserve price and/or without EMD amount shall not be accepted. Bidders may improve their further bid amount in multiple of Rs.1,00,000/-(Rupees One Lakhs Only).In case sole bidder, bidder has to improve his bid minimum by one incremental.
9) The successful bidder shall pay 25% of the bid amount/sale price (including earnest money already paid) immediately after declaration of successful bidder. The successful bidder shall deposit balance 75% of the bid amount/sale price within 15 days from declaration of successful bidder.
10) If successful bidder fails to deposit sale price as stated above, all deposits including EMD shall deemed to be forfeited without any further notice. However, extension of further reasonable period for making payment of balance 75% may be allowed and shall be at the sole discretion of Authorized Officer.
11) The EMD amount of unsuccessful bidders will be returned without interest, after the closure of the E-auction sale proceedings.
12) The particulars given by the Authorized officer are stated to the best of his knowledge, belief and records. Authorized officer shall not be responsible for any error, mis-statement or omission etc.
13) The undersigned Authorized Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale or modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice or assigning any reasons.
14) The bidders should make discreet enquiries as regards charges/encumbrances on the property and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding charges, encumbrances over the property and any other matter etc., shall be entertained after submission of the online bid.
15) Any arrears, dues, taxes, charges whether statutory or otherwise including stamp duty/registration fees on sale of property shall be borne by the purchaser only.
16) For further details, contact Mr.Satheesh Kumar, Associate Vice President Legal, Mobile No.8939677550 of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. at above mentioned address.
17) The sale certificate shall be issued after receipt of entire sale consideration and confirmation of sale by secured creditor. The sale certificate shall be issued in the name of the successful bidder. No request for change of name in the sale certificate other than the person who submitted the bid/participated in the e-auction will be entertained.

THIS NOTICE WILL ALSO SERVE AS STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGOR UNDER SARFAESI ACT AND RULES MADE THEREUNDER.

Place: Chennai
Date: 13-09-2024
(Authorized Officer)
Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Madhu Sudhan A, 2) Mrs. Sandhya K N	Loan Account No. 46459430000396 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property: Schedule-II (Description of the Property):** All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.180/63/1, Situated at Baguru Village, Anugondanahalli Hobali, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore District, Presently Comes under the limits of Ganagaluru Village Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** House of Nagamma, **West by:** Road, **North by:** House of Narayana Ghattappa and Krishnappa, **South by:** House of Muniyappa and Road. House Property Measuring 32x38 feet, and Vacant Space Measuring 40X16 feet.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2024 Demand Notice Date: 12-09-2024	**Rs.4,90,303.53** (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Three and Fifty Three Paisa Only) **due as on 10-09-2024**
2	1) Mr. Venkatesh, Prop. M/s. NRV Fiber Works and Statue Sale, Also at: M/s. NRV Fiber Works and Statue Sale, 2) Mr. Rajesh V, 3) Mrs. Radika V	Loan Account No. 31889440000112 Loan Amount: Rs.3,06,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property: Schedule-II (Description of the Property):** All that piece and parcel of the Eastern portion of the composite property bearing Municipal New No.5, PID No.90-74-5, Situated 21st Cross, Old Bagarur Layout, Sagayapuram, Ward No.60, (Old Ward No.90), Bangalore-560084 and **Bounded on the: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Remaining portion of the same property, **North by:** Common passage leading to road and then property No.4, **South by:** Property No.5. Measuring East to West: 15 feet and North to South: 17 feet, total measuring 255 Sq.ft.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2024 Demand Notice Date: 12-09-2024	**Rs.2,20,754.40** (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four and Forty Paisa Only) **due as on 10-09-2024**
3	1) Mrs. Mahadevi Bai, 2) Mr. Rama Naika	Loan Account No. 47059630000134 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshumari No.5/50, E Property No.152900204101720418, measuring East to West (17.23+17.23)/2 meter and North to South (16.93+10.76)/2 meter, situated at I Gollahalli Village, I Gollahalli Grama Panchayath, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Block Ramanagara District and **Bounded: East by:** Road, **West by:** House belongs to Bheema Naika, **North by:** Site belongs to Anna Naika, **South by:** Road.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2024 Demand Notice Date: 12-09-2024	**Rs.4,26,001.93** (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Six Thousand One and Ninety Three Paisa Only) **due as on 10-09-2024**
4	1) Mrs. Umme Salma, 2) Mr. Irfan Ulla Khan, 3) Mrs. Naseem Taj	Loan Account No. 32909630000151 32909630000496 Loan Amount: Rs.41,15,990/- Rs.22,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that part and parcel of the property bearing New No.14/1 old No's.74 & 77, Assessment No.38/1, Khatha No.315, PID No.95-87-14/1, Situated at 3rd Cross, Kaveri Nagar, Bangalore Ward No.95, BBMP, Kaval Byrasandra previously Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the Limits of BBMP, Bangalore and **Bounded on: East by:** Property No's.90 & 91, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Remaining portion of the same property, **South by:** Property No.75. Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 18 Feet, in all measuring 720 Sq.feet, along with 10 Sq.feet, RCC roofed House thereon, consisting of 5 Square of Ground and 5 Squares of First Floor, Redoxide flooring.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2024 Demand Notice Date: 12-09-2024	**Rs.58,75,880.64** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and Sixty Four Paisa Only) **due as on 10-09-2024**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 16.09.2024, Place: Bangalore Rural & Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

Odisha got two new Vande Bharat Express trains as Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Berhampur-Tatanagar and Rourkela-Howrah Vande Bharat along with four other trains at Tatanagar on Sunday

3 youth stranded in Russia return to Kalaburagi

They had moved to Russia through agents to work as security guards; were forced to work in Ukraine war zone

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@Kalaburagi

Kalaburagi DC Fouzia Taranum on Sunday felicitates the four youth who returned from Russia to Kalaburagi on Friday

DEEP sorrow which gripped three families of Kalaburagi turned into a moment of joy on Friday, as their children stranded in Russia returned home safely. The three were compelled to work in the war zone along the Russia-Ukraine border for the last nine months.

Sharing his joy with TNIE, Syed Nawaz Ali, a head constable at the Madbool police station in Kalaburagi district, said his son Syed Iliyas Hussaini came back with three of his friends, Abdul Nayeem and Sameer Ahmed of Kalaburagi and Mohammed Sufiyan of Narayanpet of Telangana.

It was insufferable nine months for these families after they learnt that their children, who had gone to Russia through agents to work as security guards, were allegedly forced to work in the war zone. A video of the four youth appealing to the central government and others to help them come back to India had gone viral some time ago.

Ali ran around meeting the then SP, Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Taranum and any official willing to meet him to appeal to them to bring his son and other youth back.

Trying to help him, the then MP Dr Umesh Jadhav and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge too pressured the Union government to rescue the youngsters. Later, Foreign Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi held diplomatic talks with the Russian government to get the stranded youth back.

On Sunday, DC Taranum 0n Sunday invited the youth to her chamber and felicitated them.

Hussaini from Narona of Aland taluk and his friends were earlier working at the Dubai Airport. They saw an advertisement on YouTube for security guard posts in Russia, with the promise of Rs 1 lakh salary.

All the four met Bbab Wogla, who was a chief agent, and agents Soffiyan, Moin and Pooja. They flew to Russia through Chennai on December 18, 2023 by an Air Arabian Plain flight.

Ali said that all the four youth were probably recruited by a private army fighting for Russia and were deployed in areas of conflict, worrying their families back home.

LOW ADHERENCE

HSRP deadline slips by, no word on extension

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

DESPITE extending the deadline for affixing High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) four times, hardly one-fourth of the 2 crore vehicles in the state have fallen in line. The latest deadline ended on Sunday (September 15).

The Karnataka government, through a notification in August last year, made HSRP mandatory for all vehicles registered before April 2019, and gave a deadline of November 2023. However, due to poor response and citing that it had to create awareness and give people enough time, it was extended to February and again pushed to May 31. Again citing poor response, and that a case relating to HSRP was in court, the state transport department stated that it couldn't take up wide publicity, and got another excuse to extend the deadline to September 15.

Now, neither is there an official notification on the extension of the deadline, nor has the transport department taken a firm decision to start enforcement against those who have not affixed HSRP.

A transport department source said, "As nearly 1.5 crore vehicles are yet to install the high security number plates, the department may extend the deadline after getting a nod from Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy."

"Many vehicle owners have placed their request for new number plates. However, there are many who couldn't go to the vehicle dealer and get them affixed to their vehicles. There are hundreds of number plates lying with vehicle dealers. Only after they are fitted to the vehicles, the HSRP process will end and numbers will go up," he added.

Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat booked for drunk driving, car seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhubaneswar

STAR para shuttler Pramod Bhagat, who was recently handed an 18-month suspension for breaching BWF's anti-doping whereabouts clause and did not participate in Paris Paralympics, has once again found himself on the wrong side of law.

The badminton ace from Odisha was allegedly found driving under the influence of alcohol and is set face prosecution for the offence. Police have seized his car after he was found intoxicated and driving on the wrong side of the road near Omfed Square here late on Saturday night.

Traffic police conducted Bhagat's test during which his blood alcohol content (BAC) was found to be around 47 mg/100 ml. Subsequently, his car was seized at around 1.30 am. Police have also submitted a prosecution report against him in this connection.

Bhagat had won the gold medal in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. He is the second sports personality whose car was seized in the capital city for drunk driving within a month. On August 19, former Indian hockey captain Prabodh Tirkey was reportedly found driving under the influence of alcohol for which his vehicle was seized.

Police said a drive was carried out against wrong side and drunken driving at 15 vulnerable points across the city for which four platoons of force were deployed. Cases were registered against four persons as their BAC was found to be high. At least 25 vehicles were seized, said a police officer. Police have requested the regional transport office (RTO) to suspend the licences of persons who were found driving under the influence of alcohol. The violators will have to deposit the fine in court to obtain the release order of their seized vehicle.

Three students drown in canal

CHENNAI: Three Class XI students drowned in a surplus water canal while they were bathing near Melathediyur of Tirunelveli. The deceased were identified as R Andrews (17) of Konkanathanparai, J Arunkumar (18) of Jothipuram and W Nicksal (17) of Perumalpuram. After a three-hour-long search, fire and rescue services personnel from Cheranmahadevi retrieved the bodies and sent them to the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital for postmortem examination.

JUMBO TRADITION

Elephants during the 'Pooram' festival as part of Onam, at Thrikkakara Mahadeva Temple in Kochi on Sunday

Indian firms drive office space leasing trend

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DOMESTIC companies are stealing the show in office leasing spaces, with Bengaluru and Hyderabad seeing an increase in occupancy since 2022. A recently released report 'India Inc's Ascension -- The Rise of Domestic Firms as an Office Demand Driver' by real estate consultant CBRE, highlighted a shift in India's office leasing trend.

Currently, domestic companies account for nearly 47 per cent of overall office leasing activity from 2022 to the first half of 2024, marking a significant change from traditional dominance of global corporations, particularly American firms.

In 2022-2023 alone, domestic firms witnessed a 60 per cent increase in office space absorption compared to the two pre-pandemic years of 2018-2019. The report predicted domestic firms are expected to lease 60-65 mn sqft office space in 2024-2025.

Cities like Bengaluru and Hyderabad saw increased occupancy by e-commerce and life sciences firms respectively, reflecting their strong growth trajectories. Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO, India, Southeast Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE, said, "Domestic firms are demonstrating a strong commitment to growth and expansion, which is set to drive substantial office space absorption in the coming years. India's rapidly expanding start-up ecosystem and talent abundance are major drivers of this demand. India's top nine cities are poised to see an impressive addition of 185 million sqft of premium office space by 2026."

The driving forces for this trend are the availability of flexible space operators, growth of technology and allied sectors and BFSI (banking, financial services and insurance), and technology firms – these three factors have collectively accounted for two-thirds of all domestic office leasing activity in the country. The report mentions that advances in technology, particularly AI, are expected to further drive this demand, offering challenges and opportunities for the workforce and real estate markets.

"Indian IT majors are anticipated to expand their workforce and engage in mergers and acquisitions starting in late 2024. This strategic growth is expected to be driven by a focus on innovation as these companies seek to enhance their technological capabilities and market presence. Moreover, emerging technologies are projected to generate approximately 4.7 million tech jobs over the next five years across diverse sectors, including manufacturing, retail, education, finance and insurance," read the CBRE report.

Additionally, a talent pool of approximately 2.5 million STEM graduates and a growing startup ecosystem featuring over 100 unicorns and more than 1,00,000 startups will further fuel growth. With over 38 sector skill councils, it will encourage domestic capacity in terms of future readiness, which is considered a major indicator for the growth of domestic firms and office sector.

'Intrusion in cop transfers major concern'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

FOUNDER president of Karnataka Police Mahasangha Shashidhar Venugopal said political leaders' interference in the transfer of police is a major concern which is eroding the transparency in the system. Transfers must take place objectively and in accordance with the law as per the recommendation of Police Establishment Board, he said.

Speaking to media persons here on Sunday, Venugopal said transfers of police officials must take place in keeping with Supreme Court orders in the Prakash Singh case. He said despite the orderly system has been scrapped in 2016 as per the Raghavendra Auradkar committee report, higher officials in the police department continue to practice it by engaging police staff as their domestic help at their residences.

He also took exception to increasing number of policemen being suspended in Udupi district.

Venugopal was in Udupi to inaugurate the Udupi district unit of the Karnataka Police Mahasangha in Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple Hall, Bannanje.

He also said in order to strengthen the Karnataka Police Mahasangha, the by-law has been amended and now the public can also be a member to fight for the cause of police welfare.

Bonded workers rescued from bricks kiln

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE district bonded labours from the bricks manufacturing industry were rescued in Jodigubbi village of Holenarasipur taluk following the direction of deputy commissioner C Satyabhama recently.

The rescue team comprising of Assistant Commissioner of Hassan sub-division, district labour officer, social welfare officer and the tahsildar rushed to the spot following the information provided by BR Poornima, the chief executive officer of Zila Panchayat.

The team rescued Mokardach Putel (37), son of Janaka Putel, and his wife Urmila Putel (27) hailing from Karlakatna village of Khaprakhol taluk in Balangir district Odisha. The team found that the couple, hailing from Odisha, were working since three years at SK Bricks manufacturing industry owned by Satish. Holenarasipur police have registered the case against the owner of the Bricks factory in this regard. The rescued couple refused to comment in this regard.CJI Bobde, however, called the affidavit evasive and expressed disappointment over a junior officer signing it.

EXTINCTION THREAT

Dung beetles threatened as dung quality dips, urbanisation spreads

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

A tiny, yet an important insect that plays a silent but significant role in improving soil quality and keeping greenhouse gas (GHG) emission undercheck -- dung beetles -- now face the threat of extinction.

"Their population is declining because of increasing concretisation, changing landscape and lack of availability and poor quality of dung," said Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan, Senior Fellow, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE).

Researchers from ATREE said the world has over 5,000 dung beetle species, of which 500 are in India and 130 in Bengaluru.

Rajan said dung beetles need soil for burying the dung, but availability of such spaces has now become limited. Also the quality of dung is decreasing with cattle feeding on some dangerous items in urban areas, he added.

On an average, a cow produces 30 kg of dung daily and over 10 tonnes per year. As India has the world's largest livestock population, exceeding 535 million heads, the amount of excrement produced is substantial and plays a crucial role in nutrient cycling.

A significant portion of this dung is processed and decomposed by dung beetles, which belong to the family Scarabaeidae. These beetles feed, breed, and nest in the dung, either burying it or breeding directly within the dung pats.

"Cattle dung is a major source of greenhouse gases. But by burying the dung, beetles help reduce these emissions. These beetles enhance nutrient cycling, improve soil aeration, aid in secondary seed dispersal and help control parasites," said Dr Seena Karimbumkara, ATREE entomologist and author of - Study on the genus Onitis (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Scarabaeinae) of the Indian Subcontinent.

One new species of dung beetle in B'luru

A team of ATREE researchers in the paper -- Study on the genus Onitis (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Scarabaeinae) of the Indian Subcontinent -- has noted the presence of three new species of dung beetles in the country. They found Onitis visthara in Hesaraghatta grasslands, which not only support a diverse array of species, but also serve as an important grazing ground for the livestock of local communities. The team found Onitis kethai in Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve and Onitis bhomorensis in Tezpur, Assam. They said that finding Onitis visthara in Hessarghatta further emphasises the need to conserve the grassland ecosystem, which faces threat of urbanisation from realtors and politicians. In the report, they noted that the species found in Hessarghatta is relatively broad compared to other Onitis species. That is the reason it has been named visthara, meaning breadth in Kannada. O. kethai is named after field assistant late Ketha Gouda and Onitis bhomorensis is named after the bridge Kolia Bhomora across Brahmaputra.

30 from TN stranded in U'khand rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @
Chennai

AS many as 30 Tamil Nadu pilgrims on the Adhikailash Yatra, who were stranded due to landslides in Uttarakhand, were rescued by helicopters and brought to Darchula, in Pithorogarh district in the state on Sunday, through the efforts of Tamil Nadu government.

The group, hailing from Chidambaram taluk in Cuddalore, will soon reach New Delhi and board a flight to Tamil Nadu from there. The Uttarakhand government said the pilgrims had been rescued without any injuries, and were provided shelter at a relief camp where they were given food and water.

An official release here stated that Chief Minister M K Stalin had telephoned the stranded Tamils and assured they would be rescued safely. Senior TN government officials were in touch with the Uttarakhand government regarding the rescue.

The Cuddalore district administration had also contacted the Pithorogarh district administration to monitor the rescue operations.

The 30 pilgrims had originally planned to reach Uttarakhand by train.

However, after trains were cancelled due to heavy rains in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, they opted to fly to Delhi on September 1 and continue their journey to Uttarakhand by road.

"While returning after the darshan, they got stranded around 18km from Adi Kailash, due to the landslide. They were unable to move from the spot as they had also run out of fuel. They were able to stay in an ashram for two days before being rescued by helicopters on Sunday," said Dr Thillai Nayagam, a Chidambaram resident whose wife Umarani was among the stranded.

Group will soon board flight to TN from Delhi

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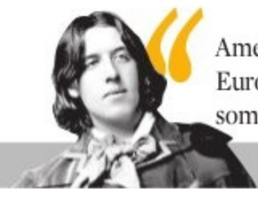
EXPRESS READ

Pavoor Uliya island dwellers oppose illegal sand mining

MANGALURU: Residents of Pavoor Uliya island on the outskirts of Mangaluru stood in the knee-deep water on the Nethravathi river on the island and protested the illegal sand mining on Sunday. The island dwellers alleged that the Dakshina Kannada district administration has failed to take action against rampant sand extraction from the island despite several complaints. he said. There are about 50 families living in the island and they have expressed fear that the real intention behind extensive sand mining is to evict them from there.

EDITORIAL



America has never quite forgiven Europe for having been discovered somewhat earlier in history than itself — Oscar Wilde

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

SEMICONDUCTOR NATIONALISM WILL TAKE US NOWHERE

IT'S raining subsidies in the semiconductor industry. With several countries waking up to the need to create their domestic semiconductor ecosystem, governments across the globe are pouring subsidies into the sector. However, it is already feared that large economies jostling among each other to gain self-sufficiency in semiconductor manufacturing are ignoring basic supply chain constraints, and therefore, creating white elephants. India, which had earlier announced a $10 billion subsidy scheme, is now planning to announce another $15 billion subsidy for the chip industry. The minister of IT and technology Ashwini Vaishnaw has hinted that the second phase of the subsidy scheme would be bigger and better from the first one, and that the aim is to create the entire semiconductor ecosystem in the country. In the first phase, Gujarat and Assam got the investments; the second phase will see Uttar Pradesh getting priority. Domestic industry experts believe India needs to have 150 fab units by 2030 to meet the demand for chips. By 2030, the semiconductor industry is expected to invest $1 trillion in semiconductor fabs.

India's ambition of becoming a semiconductor manufacturing hub is being matched with similar efforts by bigger economies like the US, European Union, and Japan. The US is doling out $52 billion and Europe $43 billion in subsidies to revive their chip-making industry as most of the manufacturing is currently concentrated in China and Southeast Asia. China gave away $2.5 billion in subsidy in 2023 to five of its top semiconductor manufacturers. While availability of subsidies has become a primary consideration for chip makers to select their investment location, the doles alone may not suffice. Also, the semiconductor programmes cannot solely be driven by national interest.

The semiconductor supply chain is spread across the globe and no country can expect to grow its chips industry in isolation. Each country could face local constraints such as availability of raw material, labour cost, expertise and skilled labour at every step. The effort should be not to disrupt the existing expertise spread across many countries, but to leverage them through meaningful collaboration to expand the supply chain instead of working in silos.

T'GANA PLAY WEAKENS TOP INSTITUTIONS

THEATRICS, expletives, face-offs and house arrests, Telangana politics has of late been quite entertaining for the layman. It's entertaining at first glance, but at the same time, it is concerning for the discerning. It's a political chess game being played with the ruling Congress on the offensive and the opposition BRS launching its own counter-attack. The root of it lies in defections from the BRS to the Congress camp ever since the elections late last year. Up until now, 10 legislators have crossed over from the pink party, decreasing its strength in the Assembly. Yet, it remains the main opposition being the second largest party after the Congress. The High Court directive to the Legislature Secretary to place before the Speaker pending disqualification pleas against three BRS MLAs for fixing a schedule to dispose of the same within four weeks set in motion an unexpected sequence of events. Hours after the order, a turncoat BRS MLA Arekapudi Gandhi was named chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, a position held by the main opposition by convention. BRS legislator P Kaushik Reddy, known for histrionics, derided the turncoats, offering to send them sarees and bangles in sexist remarks. He further insinuated that the newly-minted PAC chairman was an Andhra settler giving the war of words a regional twist. With Gandhi and Reddy threatening to storm each other's houses, the police had to intervene and put all important BRS leaders under house arrest. This episode could be dismissed as yet another political slugfest but for the underlying dangers.

First, the BRS appears to have walked into a trap set by the Congress. The BRS during its decade-long stint in power had weaned away many legislators from different parties, mainly the Congress but calls it "merger" instead of defection. It denied the PAC chairman post to the Congress as well. The Congress is paying back in the same coin but in an improvised version by rejecting the official nominees of the BRS and instigating a BRS vs BRS fight as Gandhi is technically still a BRS legislator.

The Congress claims it stuck to the convention as the pink party has no locus standi to lament over the defections. However, we believe this realpolitik isn't in public interest. PAC keeps an eye on the finances of the State and as such, is important. The weakening of key democratic and constitutional positions for temporary political gains will destroy government accountability. Similarly, attempts to reignite regional sentiments will backfire both for the parties and the state.

QUICK TAKE

TO THE NEXT LEVEL FOR PALESTINE

ISRAEL uncharacteristically owned up to a few grim illegal acts this week. It admitted to having killed three of its own citizens in Gaza; it was similar to a confession they made last December. It also admitted to having killed Aysenur Eygi, a 26-year-old Turkish American rights activist, in the West Bank. For Israel, the admissions were rare shows of 'due process' of investigation in a war that has repeatedly crossed lines of legality. The Indian foreign minister recently reiterated the government's support for a ceasefire. It's time for the Global South to make renewed, consequential diplomatic interventions in that spirit.

If Donald Trump wins in the 2024 elections, if personnel appointments are sound, and if there is coherence of policy coordination, his agenda could have far-reaching consequences

U.S. PROJECT 2025: POLICIES FOR TRUMP'S PROBABLE NEXT TERM

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AS the US Presidential election campaigns heat up, 'Project 2025' gets frequent mention. A 900-plus page document, its full title is, '*Mandate for leadership: Project 2025*'. Penned by senior officials of the first Trump Administration, it outlines a policy and personnel agenda for his second term (if elected).

The mandate declares the US Congress has abdicated its decision-making responsibilities to unelected bureaucrats, who exercise unchecked policy-making power, even evading the control of the president.

Recognising that much of the chaos of Trump's presidency—staff turnovers, policy flip-flops, dissents and leaks—was caused by ideologically incompatible personnel in his administration, the project's coordinators launched a nation-wide search for suitable candidates. Short-listed applicants underwent training on structures and issues of governance. A database of a few thousand candidates will be presented to the presidential team in November for the selection of federal employees.

The mandate's uncompromising stand against abortion has drawn criticism; its position against immigration is popular. It advocates incentivising preservation of the nuclear family, de-emphasising transgender and LGBTQ issues, and outlawing pornography in speech, print and digital products. DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) policies (affirmative action without quotas) should be reversed; they suppress merit and dilute efficiencies.

The economic agenda comprises pro-growth policies that create jobs, spur investment and increase wages: expanding the manufacturing base through industrial policy, pursuing self-reliance in strategically important sectors, promoting fair and balanced trade, and replacing "environmental extremism" with energy dominance.

Energy dominance is a priority. Exploitation of US hydrocarbon reserves would power economic growth, drive billions of dollars of private investment to communities devastated by globalisation, providing millions of jobs (typically for non-college workers, who are solid Trump supporters). Reinvigoration of manufacturing would ease the pains of decoupling from China. Energy dominance can be leveraged to deal with the Gulf countries on a stronger footing and rebalance energy power away from Russia. Trump's assertion that his first order as president would be "drill, drill, drill" is, therefore, an economic message, an election pitch and a geopolitical warning.

China is a *leitmotif* throughout. It is asserted to be a totalitarian enemy. The policy of competition and cooperation has failed; the US objective should be strategic decoupling and use of all levers to thwart China's thrust for global dominance.

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The menu spans the remit of every department and agency. Expand tariffs on Chinese products. Provide incentives to American companies for onshoring cutting-edge capabilities. Put in place strict controls on technology-sharing. Prohibit Chinese investment in high-technology industries. Reduce and eventually eliminate US dependence on Chinese supply chains. Ban Chinese social media apps. Reduce or eliminate visas for Chinese students or researchers to curb espionage. Every year, over 3,00,000 Chinese students join US universities, laboratories and think tanks.

China should be the top priority for US conventional and nuclear defence planning. Chinese subordination of Taiwan should be made prohibitively difficult. Allies like Japan and Australia should be drawn into a broader coalition to confront China in a "collective defence model". This approach accords with Trump's frequently expressed view that allies and partners should contribute commensurate resources for common security objectives.

While China unifies the conservative movement, the Russia–Ukraine conflict divides it. Some Republicans see Russia as a major threat to US interests and European order. They support US aid and even troop deployment, if needed, to ensure Russia's defeat. Others believe that Ukraine's defence should be left to the Europeans, since it is not a principal US national security concern.

Trump has said nothing, beyond declaring he would end the conflict very quickly. This may not mean forcing Ukraine into a capitulatory settlement. He would not want to do to Ukraine what Biden did to Afghanistan. He may be more amenable to something like the 'peace plan', elaborated by former secretary of state Mike Pompeo, and a Republican colleague whose consultancy firm is reported to have links with an advisor of Ukraine's president and some top US defence manufacturers. It involves ramping up sanctions against Russia to force compromise, a $500-billion "lend-lease" program, enabling Ukraine to buy US weapons (thus benefiting America's defence industry), and fast-tracking Ukraine's admission to the EU, to help modernise its economy. Trump has not commented on this plan, which may need tweaking to be practical.

In the longer term, the mandate's recommendation reflects Trump's inclinations: Europe and Russia should bear their fair share for a security architecture. NATO's European members should field a conventional deterrent against Russia, while the US will provide a nuclear one. This would enable the US to reduce its force posture in Europe to give China fuller attention.

As in Trump's first term, trade is an important focus area. With adversaries, allies and partners alike, trade policy should be strictly guided by reciprocity: unfair advantages of partners will be countered, from tax policy to currency manipulation to domestic standards and subsidies. India has to brace itself for a repeat of 2016-20.

The mandate asserts India's importance for countering the Chinese threat, securing a free and open Indo–Pacific, and as an emerging economic partner. It declares normal relations cannot be expected with the "perfidious Taliban regime" in Afghanistan and "military–political rule" in Pakistan.

Project 2025 is a useful guide to the likely approach of a future Trump Administration. Its external agenda is neither isolationist nor globalist. The US is seriously challenged by China and overstretched in its global operations. But it also has valuable assets and strong allies; it needs a greater contribution from them to advance its strategic interests. There may be calibrations, as China and Russia push back against US actions. European and Asian partners will need delicate handling.

If Trump wins and stays on message, if personnel appointments are sound, and if there is coherence of policy coordination—all big ifs—his agenda could have far-reaching global consequences.

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JOURNEY OF A YOUNG BOY INTO SAINTHOOD

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FAITHLINE

SINCE many of you wanted more about the Kanchi Mahaswami, let me share some more stories of the many known about him.

Matters moved swiftly when Ginni was taken away at 13 to become the 68th Shankaracharya of the Kamakoti Matha at Kanchipuram. They said it was his daily duty to perform puja to Lord Shiva, worshipped at the Matha as Sri Chandramauleshwara, the Moon-bearer. Ginni was awestruck. "Paramashiva, Mother Kamakshi, they say I am your priest. Help me!" he prayed.

Woken every morning at four, Ginni was set to learn Vedic meters, mathematics, astronomy, philosophy and Sanskrit literature, besides Tamil, Telugu and Kannada. He broke off to conduct the daily puja with utmost concentration and increasing felicity. He read English classics in the late afternoon. He was taught yoga at the deepest level to transcend his body's urges, which took serious practice.

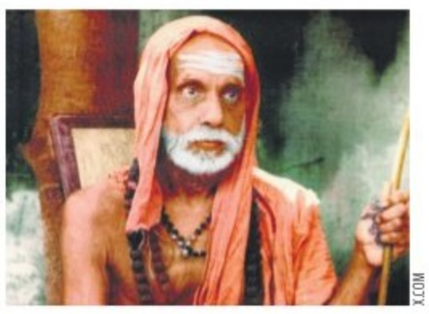
A hard part was fighting food cravings. Ginni had spent a lot of time with his mother while she cooked. He thought of his favourite rava dosais and crisp vadais and sighed. Delicious food was made at the Matha and hundreds of pilgrims and the poor were fed daily. But it was unseemly for a sanyasi to gobble, he was taught. He must not gorge himself, either alone or in public, and learn to resist sweets and fried food.

There were only adults at the Matha and as a sanyasi, he could no longer play cricket with other boys. So lonely Ginni spread grain in a corner to entice the flocks of parrots that swept by. He played with the calves in the cattle shed and made friends with the Matha elephant, Kumbhan.

One day, Kumbhan defied his keeper and refused to leave the pond in which he was enjoying a luxurious bath. The keeper was at his wits' end, when someone thought of calling the boy sanyasi. When Ginni arrived, he merely said, "Come along," and Kumbhan clambered out meekly. Several such incidents with animals added to Ginni's growing mystique.

Ginni tried hard to overcome his craving for treats. One day, a landlord brought the finest mangoes from his orchard for Ginni, who noticed Lambadi gypsies outside the Matha. "Please share the fruit with them. They never get to eat such mangoes," he told him. Astonished, the landlord did so and was warmly blessed by the tribe. This gave Ginni another idea. Motherly devotees brought him tins of homemade *murukkus* and laddoos. "There are young boys at the *patashala* who get only plain fare and miss their mothers. Please give them these snacks," he said. The mothers did so gladly after their first pang of disappointment that Ginni refused their labours of love.

Ginni began to link the big ideas he was taught to everyday life and was struck by a novel notion. "A typical South Indian meal



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> A touring Carnatic singer stopped by Mahendramangalam once, and while listening to his glorious rendition of Raga Madhyamavati, Ginni had a revelation. He was no longer 'Ginni' in his mind. He was Chandrasekharendra Saraswati, a sadhu and head of a Matha

is served in three courses," he thought. "There's rice with sambar, rice with rasam and rice with curds or buttermilk. Sambar is known as *kuzhambu* in Tamil, which also means 'to get confused'. Don't these three courses seem to illustrate the three *gunas* or qualities of mankind? The 'confusion' of sambar is the darkness of '*tamo guna*', the clear flow of rasam is the activity of '*rajo guna*' and buttermilk is the peace of '*sattva guna*'. Our daily meal reminds us of our spiritual path if we eat mindfully. But I'm too young to say these things."

So many people thronged the Matha to gawk at him that Ginni's managers took him for further education to the remote hamlet of Mahendramangalam by the Kaveri.

Learned scholars were handpicked to instruct him. When they asked what else he wished to learn, Ginni chose Marathi and French. A tutor was brought from Maharashtra and stayed for three years. A French teacher came from Pondicherry and a music teacher was engaged, as music was a key spiritual activity.

Mother Kaveri proved a great solace in this isolation. Ginni became a strong swimmer and his teachers often found him in the water. He explored the lush, green countryside on long walks, taking photos of neglected temples with the little camera he was gifted for rapidly mastering Panini's difficult grammar. His heart never stopped aching for his parents. "I am a sanyasi, I am not allowed to miss my family," he thought sternly and threw himself into the next activity. One night, when he had an agonising toothache, his instructors made light of it but a teacher's wife took pity on his huddled form and gave him a clove to keep on the afflicted tooth.

Months later, a touring Carnatic singer stopped by Mahendramangalam with a violinist and a mridangam player. After two glorious hours of singing, he slid into *Raga Madhyamavati*. "*Vinayakuni valeno brovave*," he sang in Telugu, meaning "Look on me as you look on your son, Vinayaka". The song was addressed by saint-composer Thyagaraja to Goddess Kamakshi at Kanchipuram. When the singer came to the line "*Anatha rakshaki Sri Kamakshi*" meaning 'Sri Kamakshi, protector of orphans', he sang it several times with deep emotion. Ginni suddenly felt alight with the joy of realisation.

"The Universal Mother belongs to each of us," he exulted. "Mother Kamakshi, you have been patient with me. I have tried my best to grow up, but I still felt like a little boy I don't anymore, Mother. I have duties ahead and I know you will help me."

Ginni sat at ease to hear the rest of the song. He was no longer 'Ginni' in his mind. He was Chandrasekharendra Saraswati, a sadhu and head of a Matha. His God-given task was to serve society. With Kamakshi's blessings, he would do that all his life.

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Work-life balance

Ref: *Why overwork does not help anyone* (Sep 15). Studies show excessive working hours can lead to decreased productivity, increased stress, and health problems like heart disease and stroke. In India, where these issues are already prevalent, increasing the burden on individuals with demanding jobs could worsen the crisis. Policymakers must prioritise employee well-being and promote work-life balance.
Priyanshu Priya, Noida

Sustainable schedules

When workers are allowed a choice of working styles based on varied circumstances, overtime becomes synonymous with hustle culture. For additional working hours to help translate into productivity and improved quality, work schedules must be sustainable in the long term.
Katragadda Sarveswara Rao, Bhubaneswar

Self-hurting behaviour

Ref: *Is Rahul riding the Khalistan tiger?* (Sep 15). It is obvious that with assembly elections in Punjab round the corner, Rahul is making bonhomie with alleged 'superfans' without realising the repercussions. By doing so, he is handing over a stick to opposition parties to beat the Congress with.
H P Murali, Bengaluru

India's torchbearers

Ref: *Dynasty vs J&K youth in assembly polls, says Modi* (Sep 15). At the backdrop of the impending J&K polls, PM Narendra Modi's appeal to the region's youth to come forward and work to raise India is laudable as youth are the torchbearers in whose hands lie the destiny of future India.
R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Dummy CM?

The hanging up of the boots by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is out of the blue. The Supreme Court imposed strict restrictions on him discharging his duties as CM. It remains to be seen who would take over the reins as dummy CM, since Kejriwal will most likely remain the de fact chief minister.
Aanya Singhal, Noida

Name politics

The BJP government's decision to rename the Mo School Abhiyan to Panchasakha Sikhya Setu in Odisha seems more like a political move than a necessary change for the programme. The emphasis should be on improving the quality of education, enhancing infrastructure, and ensuring the programme's success, rather than altering its name.
Rupesh Rathore, Dhenkanal

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Om Birla @ombirlakota
On the International Democracy Day, I appealed to the youth to play an active role in the national resolve to develop India.

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
Rahul Gandhi has demanded removal of the 50% limit on reservations for SC/STs & OBCs. Do you support this demand of the Congress, Mr Vice-President?

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
Who in India thought it was a brilliant idea to release the video of Russian President Putin meeting NSA Ajit Doval explaining the PM visit to Ukraine?

Big infra push, ₹3L cr projects launched

In first 100 days of Modi govt, major thrust was on roads, railways, ports and airways, apart from farm outreach

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

IN its first 100 days, the Modi 3.0 NDA government has claimed significant achievements in infrastructure and other development fields, primarily focusing on the welfare of the poor, their security and dignity. These achievements covering over 60-70 key development points have come to showcase the government's commitment to achieving a developed India (Viksit-Bharat).

"We worked in a mission mode during the first 100 days of action plan with rounds of instructions coming at every cabinet meeting," said a senior official associated with a key ministry.

The government, in its 100-day action plan, executed and launched projects for infrastructure development and others worth ₹3 lakh crore mainly focusing on roads, railways, ports and airways in addition to approving many mega projects such as the Wadhavan mega port in Maharashtra with the estimated cost of ₹76,200 crore. It will be developed as the world's top 10 ports.

"Whatever we have achieved in the last 100 days will help us in setting an example for other projects in the coming years," said an official, adding that the foundation stone for the Shinkhun-La Tunnel connecting Ladakh with Himachal Pradesh was one of the biggest moves towards infrastructure development.

PM Narendra Modi during inauguration and foundation stone laying of various projects in Jharkhand through video conferencing on Sunday | PTI

The government approved eight new railway line projects which will generate 4.42 crore human-days of employment.

The government also claimed to have released 17th installments of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi among 9.3 crore farmers. The MSP for kharif crops for 2024-25 as part of 100-day action plan benefitting 12 crore farmers was done soon after the government was formed. The completion of the draft policy of the new National Cooperative Policy was done under the Kisan Mitra Modi category.

Under the same category, the government launched a new fund named 'Agrisure' with an aim to revolutionising the agricultural sector, supporting startups and rural enterprises.

"The most notable achievement in the first 100 days of our government is the implementation of the Unified Pension Scheme and a solid ground for 'one rank one pension' for security forces and their families," said a BJP leader.

The government also approved the construction of 4.27 crore houses in both urban and rural areas under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna. As per the promise made by the BJP during the Lok Sabha campaigning, the government announced a ₹2 lakh crore package to promote employment and skill development, which could benefit at least 41 million youth over the next five years.

Simultaneously, the government also approved a target to skill 20 lakh youth. The government also released ₹2,500 crore community investment fund benefiting 48 lakh members of 4.3 lakh self-help groups.

"The remarkable part is that along with working on all these projects, the government also pushed ahead with the Waqf (amendment) Bill, 2024 aimed at reducing disputes and ensuring a digital platform for online registration and monitoring of board properties," said a BJP functionary.

Investment in farm & road network

INFRASTRUCTURE

₹3 L CR
worth projects approved

These include: Linking 25K villages and building a mega port at Wadhawan in Maharashtra, which will be among the top 10 ports in the world

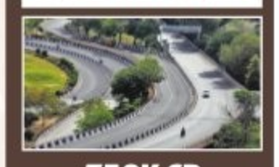
AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

MSP up for kharif crops. Minimum export price for onions and basmati rice removed

Duty on the import of crude palm, soybean and sunflower oils hiked

Govt launches new fund Agrisure to support startups & rural enterprises

ROAD NETWORK



₹50K CR
invested into 8 national high-speed corridor projects spanning 936 km

First blast to mark the beginning of the construction of a tunnel to link Ladakh with Himachal

8 new railway projects to generate **4.42 CR** human-days of employment

POWER GAMES

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Top Job

WILL ROHAN JAITLEY SUCCEED JAY SHAH IN BCCI?

The election of BCCI secretary Jay Shah as the Chairman of the ICC has triggered a search for a new BCCI secretary. Jay Shah's term at the ICC starts on December 1, 2024. Rohan Jaitley, President of the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA), is among the frontrunners to succeed Shah. Jaitley, a practising lawyer in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court, has been the President of DDCA for the last four years. He is the son of late BJP leader and Union minister Arun Jaitley. There are many other contenders for the post. Among them are Gujarat Cricket Association President Dhanraj Parimal Nathwani, IPL Chairman Arun Dhumal and Goa Cricket Association President Vipul Phadke. Sources, however, said that Jaitley is the most favoured among the members of the BCCI board. The BCCI secretary, considered the most powerful post in Indian cricket, is elected by BCCI's member associations. There are no specific qualifications to become BCCI Secretary. A cricket administrator with a good record is chosen for the post. Jay Shah was re-elected as BCCI secretary in 2022 and his term expires in 2025. The new secretary will be elected for three years.

J&K Polls

BJP PULLS OUT ALL STOPS TO FORM GOVT IN J&K

The defeat of Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti in the Kashmir Valley in the last Lok Sabha elections has given wings to the BJP's dream of forming its first government in Jammu and Kashmir. The party sees a real chance of making inroads into the Kashmir Valley through friendly parties and forming its first government in J&K. According to sources, the BJP is itself focussing on 35 seats in the Jammu region where it has mobilised most of its resources. The creation of the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir through the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 raised the number of seats in the assembly from 83 to 90 MLAs. The constituencies were redrawn through a delimitation process to create seven more seats in J&K – six in the Jammu region and one in Kashmir. This has given an advantage to the BJP as it enjoys huge support in the Jammu region. The party hopes to reap a rich electoral dividend from the delimitation exercise. Another move that the party hopes to benefit from is the J&K government's decision to expand the OBC list to include new castes and add new tribes, including Paharis, to the list of Scheduled Tribes in the state. But the release of Engineer Rashid from Tihar in the middle of the election process may prove to be a trump card for the BJP. Rashid is more popular in the Kashmir Valley than the BJP's friends Sajjad Lone, Altaf Bukhari and Ghulam Nabi Azad. The possibility of his joining hands with the BJP after the elections is not ruled out. Sources in the BJP said that if Rashid's candidates perform as well as he did in the last Lok Sabha election and the BJP wins the expected number of seats in Jammu, there would be a real chance for the party to form a government in J&K.

Shah bats for more synergy between NIA, states' ATS

MUKESH RANJAN @New Delhi

HOME Minister Amit Shah has asked for increased cooperation and coordination between the National Investigation Agency and the states' Anti-Terrorist Squads to strengthen the counter-terrorism architecture, officials said on Sunday.

Giving detailed strategy to augment counter-terror efforts by the agencies, the home minister stressed the need for cooperation with international agencies and also enhanced capacities to prevent terror financing, officials said.

The home minister was speaking at a two-day National Security Strategies Conference 2024. According to officials, Shah expressed satisfaction with the success in anti-Maoist operations, while cautioning the states, which had recently achieved success in freeing areas of armed formations, to remain vigilant.

Shah also appealed to state Directors General of Police (DGP) to work towards achieving Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a prosperous, strong and developed India by 2047, and for this, a secure environment is a pre-requisite.

He also impressed upon the security brass that it was now incumbent to identify emerging national security challenges, including narcotics, rogue drones and online fraud, and tackle them before they become a major threat, officials said.

Home Minister Amit Shah chairs the concluding session of the two-day National Security Strategies/NSS Conference-2024 in New Delhi | X

In view of the implementation of the three new criminal laws, the home minister asked the DGPs to protect the constitutional rights of citizens and ensure speedy and timely justice for victims, the officials said, adding the transformative impact of the new laws could only be achieved through a change in the mindset, adoption of technology and seamless coordination.

Shah called upon all DGPs to strengthen the internal security architecture by embracing a multi-dimensional approach, data analytics and new techniques. In this context, he urged DGPs to ensure utilisation by the cutting-edge level of databases being maintained by Central agencies.

On Saturday, the home minister launched the dashboard developed by the National Crime Records Bureau of the recommendations of the DGPs and Inspectors General of Police conference.

Shah also laid a wreath at the martyrs' column and paid homage to the officers of the Intelligence Bureau, who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Multiple multinational drills queued up, military diplomacy in full swing

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

FOR the Indian military diplomacy, September has been packed with multiple exercises, bilateral and a multilateral, which have not only brought in a few countries for the first time but also led to a successful culmination of India's first multinational air warfare exercise. There were joint bilateral defence talks with multiple nations as well.

The Indian Air Force held its first multinational exercise Tarang Shakti 24 with 8 participating nations joining with their air assets. Held in two phases, the exercise saw many firsts: The Royal Australian Air Force sent three EA-18G Growler aircraft, and up to 120 personnel being part of the Phase-II of the exercise held at Jodhpur air force station from August 30 to September 13. Phase I was held at Sulur, Tamil Nadu from August 6-14. For the first time, Germany participated in an aerial exercise on Indian soil with its Eurofighter Typhoon's air manoeuvres.

The 20th edition of India-US joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas is being held from September 9 to 22 at Mahajan firing ranges, Rajasthan. This edition has so far witnessed a significant increase in the scope and complexity of the joint exercise in terms of troop strength and equipment. The Indian Army contingent comprising 600 personnel is being represented by a battalion of the Rajput Regiment along with personnel from other arms and services. The US contingent of similar strength will be represented by the 1-24 Battalion of Alaska-based 11th Airborne Division.

India has sent its contingent for the ongoing India-Oman exercise Al Najah, due from September 13-26 at Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman. "Al Najah will allow both sides to exchange best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures for joint operations," said the Ministry of Defence.

EXPRESS READ

India sends $1mn humanitarian aid to Vietnam

Indian on Sunday provided $1 million worth of humanitarian assistance to Vietnam, which has been struck by Typhoon Yagi, under 'Operation Sadbhav.' The 35-tonne consignment containing water containers, water purification items, blankets, kitchen utensils and solar lanterns, among others, was airlifted to Vietnam on Sunday by a special aircraft. "The support to Vietnam is a testament to the enduring close ties between the two countries," said Ministry of External Affairs. Operation Sadbhav is part of India's broader efforts to contribute to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief within the ASEAN region, in line with its 'Act East Policy'.

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Another front firmed up, Er Rashid's AIP joins hands with Jamaat in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) headed by Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, also known as Engineer Rashid, has forged a pre-poll alliance with banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), marking emergence of another front in J&K Assembly polls, which analysts say would be a cause of worry for the National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The decision to forge an alliance was taken in a joint meeting of leaders of the two parties on Sunday — the AIP delegation was led by Er Rashid and chief spokesperson Inam Un Nabi, and JeI's by Ghulam Qadir Wani. The parties were in talks for an alliance since Rashid's release from jail on an interim bail last week.

"Both parties have agreed that AIP will support JeI-backed candidates in Kulgam and Pulwama while JeI will support AIP candidates across the Valley," a joint statement issued by the two parties said.

It stated that in constituencies where both AIP and JeI have fielded candidates, the alliance will be involved in a "friendly contest".

AIP chief Er Rashid during a roadshow ahead of J&K Assembly elections, at Tral constituency in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday | PTI

"The goal is to secure a resounding victory for AIP and JeI candidates, ensuring that people of J&K have strong representatives who can articulate their sentiments and aspirations," reads the statement.

Er Rashid said the main aim of the alliance is to raise the voice of Kashmiris. "We will fight for a solution to the Kashmir issue," he said.

The coming together of the two parties is a worry for NC and PDP, analysts say. "PDP's support base had come from Jamaat. Jamaat cadres had been voting for PDP in past elections. Now with the party joining hands with Er Rashid's party, PDP's votes will be affected not only in its stronghold south Kashmir but also in north and central Kashmir," said a political analyst.

"The alliance will be worrying for NC. If Jamaat fully aligns with Rashid's party which has strong support in north Kashmir and both parties manage to transfer their votes to others, things will be interesting," the analyst said.

Vij names himself as CM face if BJP wins Haryana

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

FORMER Haryana home minister and six-time MLA Anil Vij said on Sunday that he will stake claim for the chief minister's post if the BJP returns to power after the October 5 Assembly polls.

The senior BJP leader's remarks come at a time when the party has already made it clear that Nayab Singh Saini will be the CM if the BJP forms the government again.

"I never sought anything from the party till today... people from Haryana are coming to meet me. Even in Ambala, people tell me that I am seniormost, why I did not become CM. On demand of the people, and on the basis of seniority, this time I will stake claim to become chief minister," said the 71-year-old MLA from Ambala (Cantonment), "Whether the party makes me CM or not, it is up to them. But if they do, I will change Haryana's 'takdeer and tasveer' (destiny and face)."

When asked to clarify the remarks, Vij said, "I have won six elections and am contesting my seventh one... A lot of development and infrastructure upgrade has taken place during my tenure." Union minister and Gurugram MP Rao Inderjit Singh has also staked a claim for the chief minister post.

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Only 51 women in fray, down from 104 in 2019

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

MAJOR parties have fielded only 51 women candidates the Haryana assembly elections. In the 2019 elections, 104 women candidates, including Independents, were in the fray.

An analysis of candidates' lists shows the Congress has fielded 12 women, the highest, followed by INLD-BSP alliance (11), BJP and AAP (10 each), and JJP-Azad Samaj Party alliance (8).

The number of women candidates contesting as Independents will be clear on September 16, the last date for withdrawing candidatures. Savitri Jindal (74), mother of Kurukshetra BJP MP Naveen Jindal, is contesting as an Independent from Hisar against health minister Kamal Gupta.

Data shows that in the last 14 assembly elections in the state, only 87 women have become lawmakers. In the past five assembly elections from 2000, as many as 47 women have become MLAs. Only four women were elected as MLAs in 2000 out of 49 in the fray, 12 in 2005 and 9 in 2009. In 2014, Haryana elected the highest number of women lawmakers at 13. In 2019, the number dropped to 9. Chandrawati was the first woman from the Haryana region to become an MLA from Dadri in the mid-term polls in PEPSU in 1954.

Haryana is notorious for its skewed gender ratio — 916 female births per 1,000 males last year. "Political parties shy away from giving adequate representation to women as their sole aim is to field candidates with maximum winnability chances. Your linkages with top leaders of the party get you tickets and the political patronage," political analyst Ranbir Singh told this newspaper.

He said it is a paradox that women play key role in economy in rural Haryana but lack decision-making power due to cultural and social factors. "There is no change in attitude towards women as they have less bargaining power," Singh said.

VANDE BHARAT

PM Narendra Modi on Sunday virtually flagged off six Vande Bharat trains for Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar and UP, at Ranchi. Earlier, the PM was scheduled to flag off these trains from Tatanagar but his chopper could not take off from Ranchi airport due to inclement weather.

25 YEAR-OLD KILLED BY NAXALS IN C'GARH'S SUKMA DIST

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	24	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	30	22	Panaji	29	25
Jaipur	33	23	Patna	29	26
Amritsar	35	25	Lucknow	33	25
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	30	20
Srinagar	30	09	Chandigarh	34	22

City erupts in protests for justice

Senior doctors, nurses, former students from various schools, common people take to streets

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

A day after a stalemate between the junior doctors and chief minister Mamata Banerjee, the protestors were joined by their seniors and other people in various parts of the state, asserting that state government has not shown any initiative to remove the deadlock.

Rallies and demonstrations demanding justice for the raped-murdered RG Kar hospital doctor swept through the city on Sunday.

Retired Army officers, who were alumni of Purulia Sainik School, marched from Jadavpur 8B Bus Stand to Golpark in south Kolkata with placards in their hands amid rains.

In Wellington in the central part of the city, former students of Calcutta Girls' High School took out a rally.

Hundreds of nurses held a rally at Karunamoyee in Salt Lake, seeking safety at the workplace. In the evening, people gathered at Ruby Crossing-Patuli and Parnashree in Behala demanding the immediate arrest of everyone involved in the crime, including officials and the police personnel.

The protestors have insisted on their five demands, including the live-streaming of their likely interaction with the CM and her team, a sticking point leading to the deadlock.

Senior doctors claimed that if their juniors face any wrath of the state government, then they too, will start 'cease0 work' in various state-run hospitals.

On Saturday the standoff between agitating junior doctors and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee continued after a proposed meeting at her residence was cancelled hours after both sides refused to blink.

Mamata appealed to the agitating doctors, who arrived at her residence for talks, to join the meeting. "I would request you all to come inside and attend the meeting. As the matter is before the court, we cannot allow live-streaming. I will video-record the meeting and will provide you with a copy only after permission from the Supreme Court," she said.

"Today, you said you wanted a meeting, so I have been waiting. Why are you people insulting me like this? Earlier on three occasions, I have been waiting but you people didn't come," she said.

The doctors said they were disheartened by the CM's attitude. "It appears that the government is not serious in finding a solution," said a doctor.

"When we came here, we had demanded live-streaming of the talks. We were not allowed. Then the CM came out and appealed to us to join the talks, promising that we would receive the minutes of the meeting. We discussed among ourselves and agreed to join the meet without live-streaming or video recording," the doctor said. "When we conveyed this to MoS for Health Chandrima Bhattacharya, we were told to leave the venue because it was too late. We were curtly told to leave," the doctor added.

Another doctor said this incident reflected the "true intentions" of the government.

Meanwhile, a TMC MLA courted controversy by lashing out at the protests, saying "mere clapping and dancing to slogans accompanied by music beat will not lead to success".

Braving rains, doctors take part in a protest march to the state health department HQ against the rape-murder at RG Kar | PTI

50 booked in HP for protests over 'illegal' mosque

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

VHP leaders, former councillors and panchayat chiefs were among 50 people booked for violence during a protest held last week demanding demolition of an illegal portion of a mosque in the Sanjauli area of Shimla, police said on Sunday.

Protesters clashed with security personnel on September 11, breaking barricades and pelting stones as the police used water cannons and batons to disperse them. At least 10 people, including police men and women, were injured.

Shimla SP Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi said, "We did not get any application seeking permission to protest. There is CCTV footage, video and photograph evidence of people carrying stones that were thrown at officers on duty. It was a preplanned protest to disturb the peace. Those who provoked the incident on social media have been identified."

The protesters have been booked under BNS Sections 196 (1) (promoting enmity on basis of religion); 196(2) (offence at place of worship); 189 (unlawful assembly); 126(2) (wrongful restraint); 61(2) (criminal conspiracy and assault); 353 (2) (spreading false information on religion); 223 (disobeying orders of public servants; and 132 (assaulting public servant).

"In a video, a person was seen standing on a tempo and provoking people to break the prohibitory order. The call detail records of people who instigated the protest have been gathered and more cases will be registered," said Gandhi.

The SP said two police personnel sustained serious injuries, with one on the back and another on the head, and those guilty of it would be dealt with strictly as per the law.

Amid tension over the mosque issue, a Muslim welfare committee on Thursday offered to demolish the unauthorised part while members of the community pulled down a wall of a mosque in government land in Mandi.

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CM seeks to ban meat, liquor in religious towns

Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav has asked to ban consumption of meat and liquor in all religious towns located on the banks of river Narmada, which is considered the lifeline of the central Indian state. The CM gave the instruction while holding the first meeting of the cabinet committee on integrated conservation of the sacred river, which flows through 1,079 km of the state after originating from Amarkantak and before entering Gujarat. There are 430 ancient Shiva temples, two Shakti Peeths situated on the banks of the holy river which covers 21 districts, 68 tehsils, 1,138 villages and 1126 ghats in MP.

8% decline in crime against women cases

Crime against women in the state has declined by around 8% in the first seven months of the current year compared to the corresponding period of 2023, the MP police claimed on the basis of statistics released on Sunday. The maximum decline of 19% has been registered in cases of gang-rape, followed by 10% in rape cases and 9.85% in cases of molestation. POCSO cases also showed a reduction of 14%. Least decline of 3% was reported in dowry harassment cases. When it came to overall crime cases, a 3.53% decline was reported in the first seven months of 2024 compared to the same period of 2023.

Oppn Cong wades into name change exercise

Amid the politics of name change, the opposition Congress too wants change of names, but on a different count. state Congress chief spokesperson Bhupendra Gupta has sent to the governor a list of schools, villages and localities, which are indicative of caste and encourage social inequity. Gupta has mentioned in the letter to the governor that instead of engaging in name change spree on communal lines, the names should be changed to ensure that there is no caste based discrimination in the society.

SUKMA

3 women among 5 beaten to death over black magic

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Raipur

FIVE people. including three women, were allegedly beaten to death on the suspicion of practising black magic at Etkal village of Konta block in tribal-dominated Sukma district, 420 km from Raipur, in Chhattisgarh on Sunday.

According to the police, the bodies of the deceased were found lying on the ground. The police have detained five accused—Savlam Rajesh (21), Savlam Hidma, Karam Satyam (35), Kunjam Mukesh (28) and Podiam Enka—for questioning.

In a similar incident, a man, his two sisters, and an 11-month-old child were killed on suspicion of practicing witchcraft at Kasdol in Baloda Bazar district, about 70 km from Raipur, on September 12.

The rural areas of the state have one of the worst figures of witchcraft violence in the country, particularly targeted against women. In tribal communities, there are 'Ojhas' as psychic practitioners who are seen as skilled in controlling sinister powers, evil spirits among others as part of their treatment.

Bomb blast at minister's residence, ban on internet extended in Manipur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

A bomb exploded at the residential complex of Manipur minister Khasim Vashum in Hamleikhong area of Ukhrul in the Naga-majority Ukhrul district on Saturday night. Nobody was killed or injured in the blast. The minister was away in Imphal.

Vashum, the minister of veterinary & animal husbandry and transport, belongs to the Naga community, which has remained neutral in the ongoing ethnic conflict between Meiteis and Kuki-Zo tribals. He is from the Naga People's Front, an ally of the ruling BJP in Manipur.

On August 10, the wife of a former MLA was killed in a bomb blast at her residence.

Sapam Charubala, a Meitei and wife of former Kuki-Zo MLA Yamthong Haokip, was cleaning her courtyard at E Mulam village of Saikul in Kangpokpi when the blast occurred, leaving her injured. The 59-year-old was rushed to hospital where she died of her injuries. Haokip and their daughter were at home but they escaped unhurt.

Naga community

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Jiribam, which shares a border with Assam's Barak Valley, has a mixed population of Meiteis, Kukis, Nagas and various other communities. Two recent incidents of ethnic violence in the district had left six people dead.

The Manipur government on Sunday extended the suspension of internet and mobile data services, including VSATs and VPN services, in the five Imphal Valley districts—Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching—till September 20.

A five-day ban on internet services was imposed on September 10 following the outbreak of violence during protests by the students. Curfew is on in Imphal East, Imphal West and Thoubal districts but with relaxation.

2 encounters between terrorists & troops in Poonch, Kathua districts

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AHEAD of the first phase of three-phase Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir on September 18, two gunfights broke out on Sunday between militants and security forces in border districts of Poonch and Kathua in Jammu region.

A security official said a gunfight erupted in Poonch district when militants fired on the joint search party of police and army in the forest area of Pathanateer area. "The exchange of gunfire between the two sides continued for some time. Militants then moved into the dense forest area," the official said, adding that additional troops have been rushed to the area. The security forces were using drones and other surveillance gadgets to track down the movement of militants hiding in the forest area. "The search operation was going on when reports last came," he said.

While troops were hunting for militants in Poonch forests, another gunfight broke out between militants and troops in Bani area of Kathua district.

A police official said acting on specific intelligence about the presence of militants, a search operation was launched by the Special Operations Group (SOG) in the area. "During the search operation, there was a brief exchange of gunfire between security forces and hiding militants," he said.

After the gunfight, more contingents of police, army and paramilitary force were rushed to the area to plug the escape routes, the official said.

Four encounters have taken place in J&K in the last three days, killing three militants and two soldiers. Of the four, three have taken place in Jammu region and one in Valley.

There has been a surge in terror attacks and encounters in the Jammu region sinceJune this year. Militants are resorting to jungle warfare and have carried out hit-and-run attacks on security forces in Kathua, Doda, Kishtwar, Udhampur, Rajouri and Poonch districts.

About 4000 additional troops, including 500 elite para commandos, have been deployed in the Jammu region to tackle the growing militancy and check infiltration from across the border.

Security personnel during an encounter at Pathanateer of Poonch on Sunday | PTI

U'khand to implement strict land laws by Nov 9

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Pushkar Singh Dhami government in Uttarakhand is set to introduce stringent land laws on the eve of the state's silver jubilee celebrations on November 9. Implementing land laws has been a challenging task for successive governments, but officials said the current administration was determined to bring in tough regulations to regulate land use in the state.

Official sources said two high-level committees—a cabinet sub-committee and another panel headed by chief secretary Radha Raturi—tasked with reviewing the Subhash Kumar Committee's report on land laws, are expected to submit their findings to the government by next month.

Dhami is working on his commitment to introduce robust land laws in the state, a key plank of his election campaign. Earlier this year, Dhami put a temporary halt on outsiders purchasing land in the state for agricultural or horticultural purposes, pending the submission of a report by a five-member drafting committee set up by the state government to revamp land laws. The CM appointed a high-level committee that presented its report to the government on September 5, 2022.

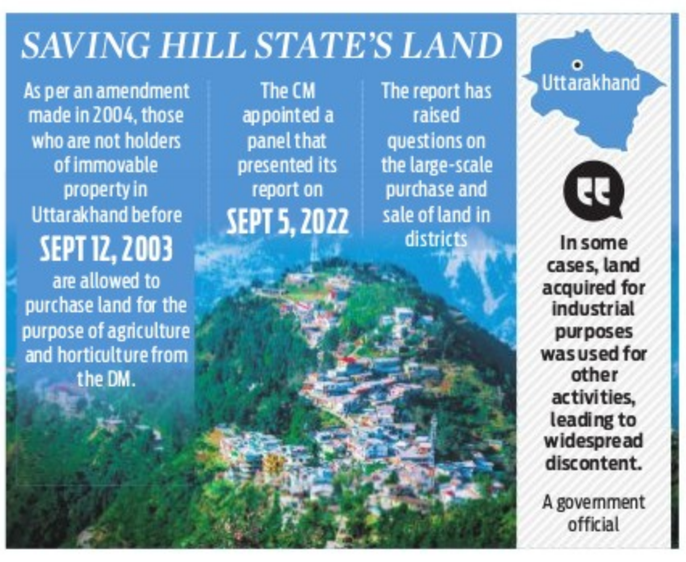
Sources said the report raised questions on the large-scale purchase and sale of land in districts. "The land acquired for industrial purposes was used for other activities, leading to widespread discontent," said a source in the know of the report. Following the Subhash Kumar committee's report, CM Dhami constituted a panel under chief secretary Radha Raturi to study the report and draft robust land laws.

A committee is deliberating on procedural amendments to enable district magistrates to grant permission for land purchase for agricultural and horticultural purposes at the district level. Additionally, a cabinet sub-committee chaired by cabinet minister Subodh Uniyal is also examining the Subhash Kumar report to strengthen the existing land laws.

"We will soon call a meeting of the sub-committee," cabinet minister Subodh Uniyal told this newspaper. Both committees will finalize their reports shortly, paving the way for the government to take a decision on implementing stringent land laws.

Expressing satisfaction with the government's initiative, Pradeep Kukreti, state spokesperson of Uttarakhand Rajya Andolankari Manch, who also served jail term during the agitation for the formation of the state, told this daily: "If the government brings in a robust land law that benefits the people of Uttarakhand, it will be a true tribute to the martyrs of the statehood movement."

According to an amendment made in 2004 in Section 154 of the Uttar Pradesh Zamindari and Land System Act 1950, persons who are not holders of immovable property in the state of Uttarakhand before September 12, 2003, are allowed to purchase land for the purpose of agriculture and horticulture from the district magistrate.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Real life 'Toilet Ek Prem Katha' redux in MP, marriage saved

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

IT took a toilet to save a marriage on the rock. Seven years after the release of the Akshay Kumar and Bhumi Pednekar-starring Hindi film, 'Toilet Ek Prem Katha', which aimed to improve sanitation conditions across the country, a real-life version of the story has unfolded in Mandsaur district, Madhya Pradesh.

A five-year marriage between a Muslim couple, Nasreen and Jubaid (names changed), was on the brink of dissolution. The crisis was resolved in the family court in Mandsaur after the woman's father-in-law promised to build a separate toilet in the house within two months. Nasreen and Jubaid were married in April 2019, but shortly after, the in-laws began allegedly harassing her for dowry. Their relationship further deteriorated after their infant son reportedly died due to inadequate care.

In May 2023, Nasreen left her husband's house and subsequently filed a suit seeking maintenance from him. During the court hearing, the judge discovered that the root of the conflict was Nasreen's demand for a proper toilet in the household.

According to advocate Aditya Dashora, "Despite the joint family of the woman's husband comprising her husband, his parents, and five sisters, the house lacked a proper toilet. As a result, like other family members, the newlywed woman had to travel around one kilometre to access toilet facilities. It was the absence of a toilet which was the root cause of all the problems between the couple."

Upon learning that the lack of a toilet was the primary issue behind the marital strife, Judge Ganga Charan Dube took steps to resolve the matter through compromise. The judge requested the village panchayat to assist Jubaid's family in constructing a toilet, which could potentially salvage the marriage.

The marriage was saved after Nasreen's father-in-law pledged to build a proper toilet within two months. Nasreen told reporters, "A compromise has taken place before the court, as my husband and their family have promised to build a toilet within two months. I hope they keep their promise and don't harass me again.

Our marriage has been saved and I'm returning to my husband. If they fail to keep their promise, I'll have no option but to take legal recourse again."

AT A GLANCE

- **74.97L** toilets constructed in Madhya Pradesh till **July 2023**
- MP was reportedly declared an open defecation-free state on **October 2, 2018**
- **In 2017**, a village panchayat in Betul district imposed **₹75,000** fine on a family for open defecation

Eight
People died during a failed attempt to cross the English Channel from France

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	28	18	SNY	Los Angeles	23	16	SNY
Colombo	31	28	SNY	Melbourne	13	7	LC
Dhaka	33	26	SNY	Moscow	25	11	SNY
Dubai	39	29	SNY	New York	25	18	SNY
Houston	35	25	SNY	Singapore	31	27	SNY
Istanbul	26	19	SNY	Toronto	25	17	SNY
London	20	11	SNY	Washington	20	12	SNY

Israel orders border village to vacate

Drops leaflets asking residents of South Lebanon's Wazzani, from where rockets were fired into north Israel, to exit

BEIRUT

ISRAEL dropped leaflets over a Lebanon border village on Sunday urging residents to leave, state-run media said, but Israel's military said a brigade had taken the initiative without approval. It was the first time Israelis had told residents of south Lebanon to evacuate in 11 months of cross-border fire between Hezbollah and Israel over the Gaza war, triggered by Hezbollah ally Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel.

"The Israeli enemy dropped leaflets over Wazzani calling on those in the area and its surroundings to evacuate," the official *National News Agency* said, referring to a southern border village.

Wazzani Mayor Ahmed al-Mohammed shared a picture of the leaflets that showed a map of the region with the areas marked for evacuation in red.

The leaflet read in Arabic: "To all residents and refugees living in the area of the camps, Hezbollah is firing from your region. You must immediately leave your homes and head north of the Khiam region before 4 pm. Do not return to this area until the end of the war."

It added: "Anyone present in this area after this time will be considered a terrorist."

Wazzani is an agricultural region where Syrians are often hired to work the land.

Asked about the incident, an Israeli military spokeswoman said the leaflets had been dropped by drone in an area from which rockets had been fired into northern Israel.

"This was an initiative of the 769 Brigade, it was not approved by the Northern Command. An investigation has been opened," she added.

A cameraman collaborating saw Syrian families preparing to evacuate their makeshift tents, with young children carrying belongings in plastic bags. Some families relocated to an area about a couple of kilometres further north, said the cameraman, who saw children and women unloading a truck filled with mattresses.

"Some of the Syrian workers are leaving the area... But as for us, we are farmers and we have livestock. We cannot leave our land," Mayor Mohammed said. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli aircraft regularly drop leaflets urging residents to evacuate before an attack.

The cross-border violence since early October has killed 623 people in Lebanon. *AFP*

Syrian refugees gather their belongings as the prepare to leave the southern Lebanese village of Wazzani after the Israeli army dropped leaflets on Sunday | AFP

Houthis fire missile into Israel; no damage

A missile fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels landed in an open area in central Israel early on Sunday and triggered air raid sirens at its international airport, in the latest reverberation from the nearly yearlong war in Gaza. Israel hinted that it would respond militarily. There were no reports of casualties or major damage, but Israeli media aired footage showing people racing to shelters in Ben Gurion International Airport. The airport authority said it resumed operations shortly.

A man wades through flood water in Opava, Czech Republic, on Sunday. (Above) A car submerged in water in a flooded street in Glucholazy, southern Poland | AP/AFP

Massive evacuations as Poland, Czech Republic reel under heavy floods

PRAGUE

ANOTHER night of torrential rains pounding Central Europe forced massive evacuations in the hardest hit areas in the Czech Republic, where floods reached extreme levels on Sunday. Meteorologists have warned the situation still might get worse as waters in most rivers are rising, the flood wave made its way through the country and more heavy rains could return overnight.

Authorities declared the highest flood warnings in almost 90 places across the country and in two northeastern regions that recorded the biggest rainfall in recent days, including the Jeseniky mountains near the Polish border.

In the city of Opava, up to 10,000 people out of a population of some 56,000 have been asked to leave their homes for higher ground.

Rescuers used boats to transport people to safety in a neighbourhood flooded by the raging Opava River.

"There's no reason to wait," Mayor Tomas Navratil told the Czech public radio. He said the situation was worse than during the last devastating floods in 1997, known as the 'flood of the century.'

"We have to focus on saving lives," Prime Minister Petr Fiala told the Czech public television Sunday. His government was to possibly meet Monday to assess the damages.

In Poland, one person was presumed dead in floods in the southwest, Prime Minister Donald Tusk said Sunday.

Tusk said the situation was 'dramatic' around the town of Klodzko, with some 25,000 residents, located in a valley in the Sudetes mountains near the border with the Czech Republic. In Glucholazy, rising waters overflowed a river embankment and flooded streets and houses. Mayor Pawel Szymkowicz said, "we are drowning" and appealed to residents to evacuate to high ground.

Energy supplies and communications were cut off in some flooded areas and regions may resort to using the satellite-based Starlink service, Tusk said. Several Central European nations have been hit by severe flooding as a result of a low-pressure system from northern Italy. *AP*

Judge blocks Biden administration rule to limit flaring of gas at oil wells

BISMARCK ND

A federal judge in North Dakota has temporarily blocked a new Biden administration rule aimed at reducing the venting and flaring of natural gas at oil wells. "At this preliminary stage, the plaintiffs have shown they are likely to succeed on the merits of their claim the 2024 Rule is arbitrary and capricious," US District Judge Daniel Traynor ruled on Friday, the *Bismarck Tribune* reported.

North Dakota, along with Montana, Texas, Wyoming and Utah, challenged the rule in federal court earlier this year, arguing that it would hinder oil and gas production and that the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management is overstepping its regulatory authority on non-federal minerals and air pollution.

The bureau says the rule is intended to reduce the waste of gas and that royalty owners would see over $50 million in additional payments if it was enforced.

But Traynor wrote that the rules "add nothing more than a layer of federal regulation on top of existing federal regulation."

When pumping for oil, natural gas often comes up as a by-product. Gas isn't as profitable as oil, so it is vented or flared unless the right equipment is in place to capture.

Methane, the main component of natural gas, is a climate "super pollutant". *AP*

Russia inches closer to a logistics hub in Ukraine

KYIV

RUSSIAN shelling killed one person in the eastern Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk on Sunday, local authorities said, as Moscow's troops inched closer to the key logistics hub.

More than 20,000 people have fled the city since August, while Russian strikes over the past two weeks have cut off water and electricity to many of its remaining residents.

"Around 11 am, the enemy shelled the western part of the city... Unfortunately, one person died," Pokrovsk's military administration said on Telegram.

Separately, a Russian air strike sparked a fire at a multi-storey residential building in the northeastern city of Kharkiv on Sunday, officials said.

"At the moment, there are almost 30 wounded, including children," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Telegram.

Russia has been advancing towards Pokrovsk for months, getting to within 10 km of its eastern outskirts, according to the local administration.

The city lies on the intersection of rail and road routes that supply Ukrainian troops and towns across the eastern frontline and has long been a target for Moscow's army.

Russian strikes damaged two overpasses in the city earlier this week, including one that connected Pokrovsk to the neighbouring town of Myrnograd, local media reported.

Two people died in a missile attack on the Ukrainian Black Sea port city of Odesa, local officials said, as Moscow and Kyiv exchanged drone and missile attacks.

The Ukrainian air force said Sunday it shot down 10 of the 14 drones and one of the three missiles Russia launched overnight.

Oleh Kiper, Odesa's regional governor, said the two who died in the suburbs of Odesa on Saturday night were a married couple, and that another person was wounded in the attack. At least 33 people were wounded Sunday afternoon when a Russian aerial bomb struck a building in Kharkiv. *AP/AFP*

Six foreigners from US, Spain, Czech held in plot to destabilise Venezuela

CARACAS

THREE Americans, two Spaniards and a Czech citizen have been detained in Venezuela on suspicion of plotting to destabilise the country, the government said, as the United States and Spain denied Caracas's allegations they were involved.

The arrests come amid heightened tensions between Venezuela and both the United States and Spain over Venezuela's disputed July 28 presidential election, which the country's opposition accuses President Nicolas Maduro of stealing. Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello said on Saturday the foreign nationals were being held on suspicion of planning an attack on Maduro and his government.

"We know that the United States government has links to this operation," Cabello asserted. Cabello said two Spaniards were recently detained in Puerto Ayacucho in the southwest.

He added that three Americans and a Czech national were also arrested and linked the alleged plot to intelligence agencies in the United States and Spain, as well as to Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado. Maduro has heaped blame for the tide of adversity his country faces on the "imperialist" United States, which he accuses of conspiring with his Venezuelan opponents to overthrow him.

A State Department spokesperson said Saturday that "any claims of US involvement in a plot to overthrow Maduro are categorically false."

The State Department spokesperson additionally confirmed that a US military member was being held and noted "unconfirmed reports of two additional US citizens detained in Venezuela."

Spain also rejected allegations it was involved.

Cabello said those detained had "contacted French mercenaries, they contacted mercenaries from Eastern Europe and they are in an operation to try to attack our country."

He added that "more than 400 rifles were seized" and accused the detainees of plotting "terrorist acts." The Czech Republic is yet to react to the claims.

Weapons seized are displayed in Caracas on Saturday. (Left) Venezuela's Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello | AFP

Trump safe after gunshots in the vicinity

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump's campaign reported on Sunday that there had been "gunshots in his vicinity" but added that the Republican presidential candidate was safe.

"President Trump is safe following gunshots in his vicinity. No further details at this time," said a statement from his campaign spokesman.

Trump had been golfing at his golf course in West Palm Beach, Florida, not far from his Mar-a-Lago residence, during a day away from the presidential campaign, multiple media reports said.

It was unclear who had fired the shots, and there was no immediate indication that Trump had been targeted.

Some reports said the gunfire was between two people in a dispute near the course.

Still, it came amid heightened concern for the candidate's safety – just two months after the former president was wounded in the ear when a gunman opened fire during a Trump rally in Pennsylvania. *AFP*

ULLAS SCHEME

ADB asks Pak to adopt India plan on education

ISLAMABAD

THE Russian The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has advised Pakistan to adopt India's scheme ULLAS to fix its dysfunctional education system and impart quality training to its citizens, according to a media report.

The Manila-based lender's recommendation came in response to Pakistan's request for financial support to improve its education system and impart education to all out-of-school children, The Express Tribune newspaper said.

Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society (ULLAS) was launched by the Government of India in July last year to help non-literates and adults who missed out on formal schooling.

The ADB recommends that the government adopt a strategic and multi-stakeholder consultative approach, drawing on international best practices, such as the government of India's new centrally sponsored scheme "ULLAS", according to the lender.

The ADB emphasised that the ULLAS scheme emphasises the need for both federal and provincial governments to collaborate urgently to enhance access to quality education and can offer insightful lessons of success and challenges when considering a similar vertical scheme in Pakistan.

Defunct system

A Planning Commission's report revealed that Pakistan's education delivery system had become dysfunctional and all the 134 districts, barring Islamabad, were lagging on indicators ranging from learning outcomes to public financing

Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the new centrally-sponsored scheme ULLAS for the five-year period to cover all the aspects of "Education for All". The objective of the Indian scheme is to impart not only foundational literacy and numeracy but also to cover other components which are necessary for a citizen of the 21st century such as critical life skills including financial literacy, digital literacy, commercial skills, health care and awareness, child care and education and family welfare.

The ADB's recommendation came just days before a scheduled visit of ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa to Pakistan. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Philippine vessel leaves Sabina Shoal in SCS

A Philippine vessel that spent months anchored at a disputed reef in the South China Sea (SCS) has left the area, the national maritime council said on Sunday. The Philippine Coast Guard ship BRP Teresa Magbanua had been anchored inside the Sabina Shoal since April to assert Manila's claims to the area and prevent China from seizing it.

Iran launches satellite criticised by West

Iran launched a satellite into space on Saturday with a rocket built by the country's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, state-run media reported, the latest for a programme the West fears helps Tehran advance its ballistic missile programme. Iran described the launch as the second such launch to put a satellite into orbit with the rocket.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr.KENI RAVISH RAJIV,** S/o.Rajiv.S.Keni, propose to purchase the below mentioned property from **Smt.SREELATHA.N.** W/o.A.Mohan Kumar. Anybody objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the schedule property may lodge their objections and/or claims with undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 7(Seven) days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/objections in whatsoever manner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of immovable property bearing Vacant **Site No.66/5,** old khatha No.88, New Khatha No.669/88/66/5. Now the property comes under the BBMP situated at **SAI ENCLAVE, Kothanur Village,** Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring **East to West 40-0 Feet and North to South 30-0 Feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet** together with all the rights, appurtenance, easements, whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows:

EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : Site No.119/5, NORTH BY : Site No.66/4, SOUTH BY : Site No.66/6.

Vasanth Kumar .B.G, Advocate
SAMANVA LAW ASSOCIATES
No.16/1, 3rd Main, Marutinagar, J.P.Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-78.

Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar after fifteen days hereof but before thirty days hereinafter to the Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar , District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code- 122050 that **M/s ATLASBREW FOOD AND BEVERAGES,** a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows: The nature of business is to carry on the business of buying, selling, reselling, importing, exporting, transporting, storing, developing, promoting, marketing services, Manufacturing, Research and Development, Brand ownership or supplying, trading, dealing in any manner whatsoever in all type of goods on retail as well as on wholesale basis in India or elsewhere.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at #113 "Lakshmi Nivasa" Ramamandira Road, Jyothi Nagara, Sira Town, Tumkur Dist 572137 Karnataka State.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code- 122050, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Name(s) of Applicants: Arpitha. M, C.L. Ranganath, B.K.Chandrashekharaiah & C. Sarvananda (Partners)

Date: 14.09.2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE.
FDP.No.25018/2016.

BETWEEN:-
Smt.SAROJA Rep by LR's. ...PLAINTIFF
AND
SARASWATHI & OTHERS.
...DEFENDANTS

PURSUANT TO THE COMMISSIONER WARRANT ISSUED TO HIM, THE UNDERSIGNED COURT COMMISSIONER WILL SELL BY PUBIC AUCTION THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ITEM No.2 OF THE SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY HEREUNDER AT THE SPOT ON THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024, THE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN AFTER MENTIONED.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD.

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.10A, & 10B, Aryanagar, Sarraki Layout, phase 1, JP Nagar, Bengaluru.560 078.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. The particulars specified in the schedule have been stated to the best of information of the Court, but the Court will not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission.

2. The prospective bidder shall deposit a sum of **Rs.15,00,000/= (Fifteen Lakhs only)** by demand draft, before participating in the Auction, The parties or their legal representatives in the preliminary decree are also entitled to participate in the Auction, they need not predeposit any amount subject to the conditions mentioned herein.

3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser, provided always he is legally qualified to bid and provided that it shall be in the discretion to the commissioner to decline the acceptance to the highest bid when the final price appears so clearly inadequate as to make it advisable to do so.

4. The person declared to be the purchaser shall pay immediately after such declaration to deposit 25% of the amount of his purchase money after deducting **Rs. 15,00,000/= (Fifteen Lakhs only)** paid as E.M.D to the commissioner and in default of such deposit the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold.

5. The minimum bid amount to be started with **Rs.9800/sq. feet,** and there is no limit for maximum amount.

6. The full amount of the purchase money shall be paid by the purchaser before the court closes on the next hearing date after the sale of the property excluding of such day if be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the 1st working day after the hearing day.

7. All payments should be made by demand draft from any schedule bank drawn in favor of the registrar, city civil court, Bengaluru, no cash shall be accepted.

8. The Sale is subjected to confirmation by the Court.

9. In default of the purchaser to remit the balance of the purchase money within the stipulated time period, the property shall be resold by issuing a fresh proclamation of sale, the deposit after defraying the expenses of the sale, if the court thinks, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all the claims to the property or to any part of the sum of which it may be subsequently sold.

10. The procedure prescribed in the code of civil procedure shall apply pertaining to the provisions of the Auction Sale.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.2 of the suit schedule property.

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing **No.10A, & 10B, Aryanagar, Sarraki Layout, phase 1, J P Nagar, Bengaluru-560 078.**
Measuring East to West = **40 feet.**
North to South = **26 feet,**
totally measuring **1040 square feet.**
Bounded on the
East by : passage of 8 feet & kuppuswamy's property, West by : Site No.9, North by : 4th Main Road, South by : 5th "A" Cross.
The Item No.2 of the suit schedule property is an old sheet house and in the state of demolition.

For further information contact the Court Commissioner at his office.

A.J.Abdul Kareem
No.2, 1 "A" Main Road, Pillanna Garden 1st Stage, (Near Mediscope Haspital), Bengaluru-560045. Mobile : 9448168188

All you need to know about health cover for elderly above 70

The largest health insurance scheme to those above 70 years offers ₹5 lakh free health cover per family per annum and the annual premium is ₹1,102/beneficiary

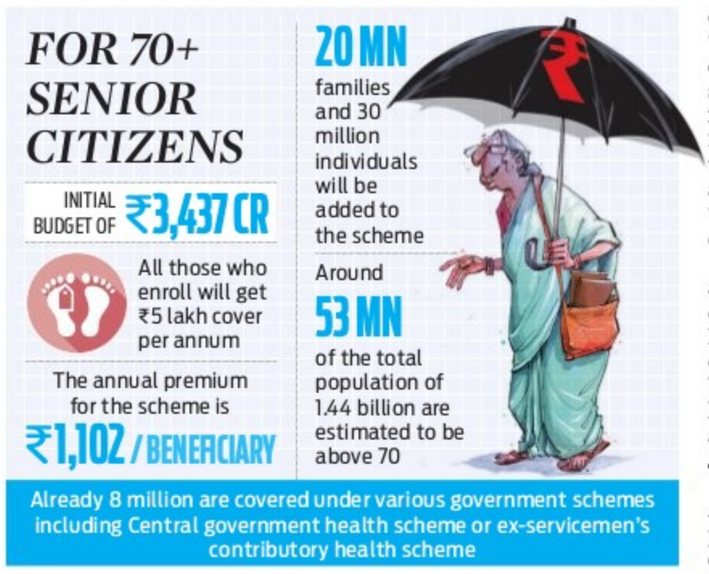
BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

IN a major step towards ushering in universal healthcare, irrespective of the age of the insured, the government last week extended the free health cover under the Ayushman Bharat—Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)—the world's largest health insurance scheme--to those 70 and above, and has allocated an initial budget of ₹3,437 crore to fund the additional requirements.

The scheme, which offers ₹5 lakh free health cover per family per annum, will go a long way in reducing the out-of-pocket expenses, which constitute around 70% of the health expenses for a person/family.

According to the 2011 Census, 8.6% or 103 million of the then 1.23 billion were above 60 and this number is seen more than doubling to 19.5% or 319 million by 2050. Though there is no official data available for the number of citizens above 70, according to private estimates, they number around 55 million or around 45 million families. While close to 58% of these elderly are women and 54% of them are widows too, according to NITI Aayog.

According to government data, about 20 million families and 30 million individuals will be added to the scheme because of this extension. More than 60 million have already availed of the benefits of the scheme, which has reduced their out-of-pocket expenditure by around ₹1 lakh crore at the national level. According to an ORF (Observer Research Foundation) paper, the expansion of the scheme into non-poor households is a first step of many to follow, offering financial protection to the middle-class during health emergencies requiring hospitalisation and the biggest step towards universal health cover. And there are 400 million non-poor citizens in the country. The cabinet said enrolment for the coverage will start within a week in phases in select locations before the nationwide rollout. According to the government calculation, the expansion of the scheme will benefit around 45 million families.


FOR 70+ SENIOR CITIZENS
INITIAL BUDGET OF ₹3,437 CR
All those who enroll will get ₹5 lakh cover per annum
The annual premium for the scheme is ₹1,102 / BENEFICIARY
20 MN families and 30 million individuals will be added to the scheme
Around 53 MN of the total population of 1.44 billion are estimated to be above 70
Already 8 million are covered under various government schemes including Central government health scheme or ex-servicemen's contributory health scheme

Who will be covered?

Everyone above 70, including those already covered under the AB-PMJAY, are eligible and all they need to do is just apply to join the scheme through either the Ayushman mobile app or the PMJAY portal. All those who enroll will get ₹5 lakh cover per annum. But the sum insured is for a family, and therefore if there are two or more members in a family over 70, the sum insured will be split among them. An Aadhaar card will be required for age verification and other details.

Those having private insurance and ESIC beneficiaries can also apply for the scheme. However, those families already covered under the scheme will be getting a top-up cover of ₹5 lakh to be used only for those above 70.

The coverage universe

Around 53 million of the total population of 1.44 billion are estimated to be above 70, or around 45 million families. Of these 17.8 million families are already covered. There will be no waiting or cooling-off periods; eligible beneficiaries can immediately access the benefits of the scheme after registration and eKYC. About 20 million families and 30 million individuals will be added to the scheme because of this announcement and the scheme is also expected to help women further as 58% of the 70 plus age group are women, of which 54% are widows.

Currently, the AB-PMJAY covers around 25 health packages for the elderly.

Is it fully free?

The interested person will have to pay a premium and so it is not as fully free as is being spoken about. The annual premium for the scheme is ₹1,102/beneficiary, which includes ₹50 for administrative charges. Of this, the Centre funds 60% and the rest 40% by the respective state. According to the ORF paper, the number of the 70 and above population has grown from 2.8% of the national population in 2011 to 4.3% in 2021, and is expected to double by 2031. NITI Aayog estimates that almost 70% of the elderly are dependent for everyday maintenance on family and relatives, putting economic pressure on the households.

Currently, the 60-plus already comprises 14% of the over 350 million Ayushman card holders who have accessed the scheme. At the same time, almost one-fourth of all authorised hospital admissions, amounting to 69 million, under the scheme from its inception in 2018, are of patients 60 or above and most of them are from the poor and vulnerable households. Already 8 million are covered under various government schemes including Central government health scheme, or ex-servicemen's contributory health scheme or the employees state insurance corporations schemes.

While those covered under the former can choose to join and discontinue the existing coverage, the former can join this also and retain the ESI cover as well as the premium is paid by the insured and his/her employer.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY ARE BANKS UNDERPERFORMING

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR
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STOCK prices today are an indicator of tomorrow's profits. Of all the sectors, share prices of public and private sector banks carry a lot of weight. The banking and financial services segment accounts for a third of the NSE Nifty value. Lately, though, the weight of the banks in the benchmark indices has declined. It is probably the lowest seen in five years.

The Nifty Bank index has underperformed the Nifty 50 in 2024. Despite India being the fastest-growing large economy and promising financialization of savings on a large scale, stock market investors are not excited about the prospects for profits in the sector.

In the first quarter of 2024-25, there is a visible decline in the net interest income growth of banks, according to India Ratings, an affiliate of the global credit ratings agency, FITCH. The agency blames slower loan growth at 13.9% in the first quarter compared to 16.3% in the year-ago period. Banks also struggle to maintain deposit growth as it lags behind loan growth. As a result, banks must increase deposit rates to retain money from depositors. That probably explains the pressure on bank profits.

A survey by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Indian Banking Association reveals that the outlook on expectation for growth of non-food industry credit over the next six months is optimistic, with 62% of the participating banks expecting non-food industry credit growth to be above 12%. However, it reconfirms the current decline in savings accounts (CASA). The higher value is considered suitable for the banking industry, while a falling value of the CASA ratio means the cost of funds is rising for banks.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

The Indian banking sector needs to be much bigger than today if India has to achieve the dream of being a developed country by 2047. A struggling banking sector would hurt India's growth prospects.

India's infrastructure investment requirement is about a 10th of the GDP. Over 2024-30, it is estimated that infrastructure investment will need to rise to $ 1.7 trillion (₹143 lakh crore), with about $ 0.4 trillion in green investments, according to a recent speech by RBI's deputy governor Michael Debaprada Patra.

The Indian banking sector, with its deposits of ₹200 lakh crore, will play a crucial role in financing along with other sources. However, if banks struggle to maintain deposits, that may slow the credit growth and stall India's march towards a developed nation status.

What does it mean to your money

A high demand for credit and a slow deposit growth mean banks are in no hurry to cut rates. If deposit rates remain high, your loans stay elevated, too. While the RBI watches the outlook for consumer price inflation closely to determine the overall borrowing rates, a high demand for credit and a low demand for deposits will not bring down the cost of money for banks. Your bank deposit rates would continue to hold their ground.

If you are an investor in the banking sector, you are riding through a phase of stagnancy. Banks' share prices are unlikely to increase sharply without a significant expansion in bank profits. A key parameter to evaluate banks' profitability is the net interest margin. In simple terms, it is the difference between the cost of funds to the banks and that of the average lending rate of banks. It is likely to remain stagnant, according to most experts.

Banks may have to expand their loan portfolio by lending more aggressively to those who have never taken a loan. Banks lend at low rates to top-rated companies.

They charge a higher interest rate to small and medium businesses as the risk associated with them is higher. Banks can easily double their lending to small businesses as they are estimated to account for 32% of India's GDP, 45% of exports and 62% of employment in the business sector.

RBI deputy governor Patra highlighted that in the same speech. However, the risk assessment capability of Indian banks is still evolving. They prefer lending to top-rated firms rather than taking chances with unrated or low-rated small businesses.

MONEY-WISE

CAUTIOUS AGGRESSION WITH EQUITY SAVINGS FUNDS

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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(Views expressed here are personal)

AN equity savings fund, as per SEBI's definition, is one of the lower (not to be mistaken with Low) risk investment instruments categorized as Equity for taxation purposes. However, it can invest in equity and debt instruments as well as arbitrage opportunities using hedging positions. Whereas, the equity component offers growth and appreciation of capital, the upside can be constrained but resultantly, risk is also limited due to the inbuilt arbitrage component.

The arbitrage portion of these funds allows the biggest advantage as far as stable returns are concerned.

Essentially, it seeks to capitalize on pricing inefficiencies in the equities market's cash and derivative components. As a result, the fund's overall stock exposure is partially hedged, lowering volatility as compared to an aggressive hybrid fund with wholly unhedged equity exposure.

Since these funds invest in both stock and debt, they are less risky than pure equity funds. However, because the performance of the underlying instruments affects the NAV of the funds, returns might change with market fluctuations. They are however known for providing relatively consistent returns in the long term.

Typically, an investor with moderate risk appetite focus on a financial horizon of three-five years can opt for equity savings funds. This way, return expectations can be slightly more than debt fund returns, and it would be possible to tide over market dips in the short term.

While traditional investments like Fixed Deposits (FDs) offer stability, they might fall short in terms of wealth accumulation. On the other hand, equity savings funds strike a harmonious balance among equity, arbitrage, and debt, providing stability with growth potential. The historical performance of the Nifty Equity Savings Index showcased lower volatility than pure equity indices such as the Nifty 50 Total Return Index, offering a smoother ride for conservative investors.

These funds, as mentioned earlier, qualify to be taxed in the category of Equity. For any mutual fund to have equity taxation a minimum of 65% of net assets must be invested in equity or equity related instruments.

The tax applicable on this category as of September 2024 in case of Short Term Capital Gains (STCG) is 20% for equity funds sold before 12 months and for Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) is 12.50% for equity funds sold after 12 months. It is worth noting that, LTCG tax only applies to gains exceeding ₹1.25 lakh.

However, even within this category, some funds are more aggressive and their pure equity exposure is closer to the permitted 45% while others are more conservative and range closer to the lower ceiling of 15%.

In the next column, we shall focus on the asset holding patterns and performances of some randomly selected Equity Savings Funds.

US lenders say Byju's need to repay full loan

PTI @ New Delhi

US lenders represented by Glas Trust have countered Byju's founder Byju Raveendran's claim on verified debt on the company being merely around ₹20 crore, and have said that the beleaguered edtech firm will have to pay the entire ₹1.2 billion Term Loan B along with interest.

The founder of Think and Learn (TLPL) and owner of the edtech firm, Byju Raveendran, had about a week ago said that verified debt on the company is only ₹20 crore as per insolvency proceedings and he may not have to pay any money to the US lenders represented by Glas Trust.

"Neither Byju nor the IRP have the authority to disqualify any term loan lender 'and even if they did, Byju's would still be obligated to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest. Any argument otherwise is illegitimate, and Byju knows it," a steering committee of the ad hoc group of term loan lenders to Byju's Alpha, Inc said in a statement.

Centre to launch digital platform BHASKAR to strengthen start-ups

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

WITH an aim to strengthen the start-up ecosystem, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) will launch a digital platform - The Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR) initiative, under the Startup India program on Monday.

This is a platform designed to centralise, streamline, and enhance collaboration among key stakeholders within the entrepreneurial ecosystem, including start-ups, investors, mentors, service providers, and government bodies. The commerce ministry said the primary goal of BHASKAR is to build the world's largest digital registry for stakeholders within the start-up ecosystem.

The platform will offer key features including networking & collaboration, providing centralised access to resources, creating personalised identification, apart from enhancing discoverability and supporting the country's global brand.

There are over 1,46,000 DPIIT-recognised start-ups in the country, and BHASKAR seeks to leverage this potential by providing an all-encompassing, one-stop digital platform that addresses the challenges faced by entrepreneurs and investors alike, the ministry said.

BHASKAR will help unlock the full potential of the country's start-up ecosystem.

The commerce ministry said BHASKAR is poised to redefine the country's start-up landscape and create a more connected, efficient, and collaborative environment for entrepreneurship.

By providing personalised BHASKAR IDs for each stakeholder, the platform will facilitate easier interaction, enhance searchability, and allow for efficient discovery of relevant opportunities and partnerships, it added.

658 offshore gaming cos evade GST

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE GST department has identified 658 offshore online gaming companies as non-registered/non-compliant and has initiated investigation against the same. As many 167 URL/websites have been recommended for blocking.

The investigation wing of the GST department – Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) – in its annual report has revealed that real money online gaming companies are the biggest tax evaders with ₹82,000 crore evasion detected in FY24, which is 41% of the total ₹2 lakh crore evasion detected during the year.

The DGGI Annual Report reveals that the department has initiated actions against 118 domestic online gaming companies, and Show Cause Notices have been issued to 34 taxpayers involving tax amount of ₹1,10,531.91 crore. The department says that bringing offshore gaming companies under the tax net is a challenge as many such firms are set up in offshore tax havens -- Malta, Curacao Islands, British Virgin Islands, Cypress etc -- known for their opacity. "There are online gaming platforms who keep on changing their URL/website/apps to avoid tax compliance. Use of dark web or VPN based platforms for such supply further accentuates the difficulties in tax law enforcement," says the DGGI Annual report.

DETECTION OF GST EVASION

YEAR	AMOUNT (₹cr)
2017-18	7,879
2018-19	19,319
2019-20	21,739
2020-21	31,908
2021-22	50,325
2022-23	1,01,354
2023-24	2,01,851
Total	4,34,375

Meanwhile, the GST department has managed to collect ₹2,675 crore from 574 offshore entities offering digital services to Indian entities in FY24. The annual revenue from offshore entities has increased from ₹80 crore in FY 2017-18 to ₹2,675 crore in FY24.

In GST parlance, services that are delivered over the internet or electronic network are called Online Information and Database Access or Retrieval services (OIDAR Services). These services include cloud services, digital content, online gaming, online advertising etc. According to the DGGI, when such services are provided by an offshore entity in a taxable territory, the supplier becomes liable for obtaining registration and discharging GST on the same.

The fact that service providers are located abroad and are liable to discharge tax to the Indian government for such supplies create challenges in GST enforcement, however, efforts by DGGI in reaching out to such suppliers have resulted in various such suppliers coming onboard and taking registration and discharging tax. According to DGGI, several such offshore service providers are ignorant of the law, and upon conveying the legal position clearly, such suppliers agree to comply with the GST mandate.

The department has named companies like Udemy Inc (USA), Canva Pty (Australia), OVH group (France), and Blackboard (Netherlands) who registered themselves following the efforts of DGGI and discharged significant tax liability. "However, there are other entities that are non-cooperative and appear to intentionally avoid tax compliance," says DGGI in its annual report for FY24.

These include various online casinos based out of tax-havens like Malta, Cypress, Curacao, BVI etc. There are also other entities that are difficult to reach out to on account of them operating through VPN or cloud-based platforms.

Piastri helps McLaren topple Red Bull in teams' title race

Oscar Piastri delivered a cool performance on and off the track on Sunday after his measured drive to win a tense and dramatic Azerbaijan Grand Prix lifted McLaren past Red Bull in the race for the constructors' championship. His win ended Red Bull's more than two-year domination & confirmed that McLaren are now the team to beat.

India's ace javelin thrower Neeraj, who clinched silver medal at the Paris Olympics, reveals he took part in Diamond League final in Brussels with a fracture in left hand

A SEASON OF SECOND

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

IT had been a season of second finishes. It ended with one. The final night of the season had its trepidation as well. The Brussels Diamond League final was his last meet before winding up a long season that was interspersed with the grandest multi-discipline event – the Olympics.

Before the beginning of the season, Neeraj Chopra had said that the Olympics would be his priority. He won silver despite fouling five of his six throws behind Arshad Nadeem with a throw of 89.45m. That was his personal best of the season before improving it at Lausanne two weeks later to 89.49m.

For a man who has set a gold standard for consistency, Neeraj's series of throws this season has been a little off the mark. He began the season with 88.36m in Doha, followed by 85.97m at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku before peaking at the Olympics in Paris. Ideally, he was planning to compete in at least four events before the Paris Games, but due to a chronic groin injury, he did not want to risk it.

In terms of distance, there has been no improvement and that will be one area of work going into the next season. His personal best still remained at 89.94m achieved more than two years ago in Stockholm. There has been a series of second finishes too — from Doha Diamond League to Brussels (Paavo Nurmi where he topped had been an exception but the distance was 85.97m). Yet in terms of knowing his body and limitations he had to conquer his mind despite being down, it had been quite a learning curve. "As the 2024 season ends, I look back on everything I've learned through the year — about improvement, setbacks, mentality and more," he posted on X. Even his team believes that he has matured and the next big decision would be to address the chronic adductor injury issue. Neeraj had said that if he were fit he could throw big.

Chopra's show in 2024

Event Date	Throw (metres)
Doha DL May 10	88.36
*Paavo Nurmi Games Jun 18	85.97
Paris Olympics Aug 8	89.45
Lausanne DL Aug 22	89.49
Brussels DL Sep 14	87.86

*(*The only time he finished first this year)*

Another target, not very vocal about, but Neeraj was silently wishing for was that elusive 90m mark. "Hopefully this season," Neeraj would keep on repeating during interactions until the Olympics. He revealed that he has been dogged by that adductor problem for a while after his silver in Paris. That resulted in him missing most of the crucial pre-Olympic international competitions, sometimes even after entering his name.

Neeraj also revealed on Saturday after the final throw that he was carrying an injury. He had fractured his left hand this time. His throws were not great. Apart from the 87.86m which was .01m less than Anderson Peters, he was sedate. Played through pain is what he said in an X post. His team too felt that Neeraj was risking a bit too much. Perhaps, Neeraj did not want to disappoint the organisers.

"Informing the organisers would be the toughest part," Neeraj had said after winning silver at the Paris Olympics. "I don't mind throwing less, honestly. I think a lot about withdrawing due to injury. I would have already made the entry and would think that if I did not go, people would say that I always do that. Personally, I want to play as much as possible... And when it doesn't happen, I feel very sad. Then you tell your team — chalo ek acha sa message banate hai — sorry, nahi khel payenge..."

With the season ending not as Neeraj would have liked but he was happy that he had grown as a person. The challenges of the season had been many and one such was coming from behind. He usually likes to throw his best in the first two or three throws but in Lausanne, he had to rely on his penultimate throw to get into the second spot. Like his team, even Neeraj felt that 2024 was a learning curve.

"While I couldn't meet my own expectations, I feel this was a season in which I learned a lot. I am now determined to return, fully fit and ready to go," he revealed in the post.

Neeraj will take a break and will be consulting doctors about the adductor. He and his team have not yet decided what course they would take but there are indications that if surgery is required Neeraj would decide. With the World Athletics Championships slated in September next year at the Tokyo National Stadium, Neeraj has enough time.

Like he said after the Olympics, "andar abhi bhi bahut throw baki hai (still have more throws in me)". A fit again Neeraj would definitely be primed to throw 90+ and that season could be the next.

Hone your skills in home Test series, says McGrath

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

Dhruv Jurel with assistant coach Abhishek Nayar during training in Chennai | BCCI

AFTER a long white-ball season that saw India end the draught of the ICC Trophy, focus is now shifting towards the longest format, starting with a Test match against Bangladesh from Thursday. While the five Tests (two against Bangladesh and three against New Zealand) at home will present their own set of challenges to the newly-appointed support staff under head coach Gautam Gambhir, the tour of Australia starting in late November will remain on the radar for Rohit Sharma and company. The conditions at home and in Australia are like chalk and cheese, hence many former cricketers believe that the five Tests that the players will get at home are not ideal preparation for the Australian series. However, Glenn McGrath believes the players can use this time to hone their skills which can help the Indian team Down Under. ''The conditions in India and Australia are different,'' McGrath, who is in Chennai for his coaching stint at the MRF Pace Foundation, told this daily.

''Ideally it would be good for a team to travel a month or so early, get acclimatized and have a couple of practice games to adapt. But today with the packed schedule one does not have the luxury to travel early and adapt. The way forward is to hone your skill sets at every given opportunity you get be it net sessions, Test matches you get to play,'' he added.

With the amount of white-ball cricket played in recent times, McGrath cautioned players to adapt quickly to the format.''Test cricket is all about patience and building an innings. So even on placid tracks in India, batters can use the opportunity to spend time in the middle. When you spend time in the middle your confidence automatically gets a boost and it certainly helps.'' McGrath also suggested players consciously try and practice for bouncy wickets in Australia.

''With the amount of white ball cricket one gets to play, batters are more accustomed to front foot play. On bouncy and fast tracks one needs to have a good back foot play to cut and hook. So these facets can be worked in the nets and even on the field at every given opportunity. The main thing is one needs to get mentally prepared,'' he explained.

McGrath also suggested bowlers, especially the pacers of the Indian squad to prepare for the long and grueling spells in Test cricket, but at the same time think of the workload management. ''Your attack is going to be spin-oriented (against Bangladesh and Kiwi) and pace in Australia. I believe the guys who will be playing here (India) and in Australia should use the games they get to tune their bodies to take on the workload. Bowl as much as possible and take adequate rest. One needs to bowl at least 30 overs in a Test innings today. So for 10 Tests imagine the workload.'' The pacer with 563 wickets in the longest format also praised fellow fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah for his skills and ability. ''Bumrah is a brilliant bowler. He has a lethal yorker and his action makes it difficult for batters to pick him. Fast bowlers like him are rare (Indian context) and one needs to handle them deftly,'' he said.

Our aim is to play good cricket for 5 days: Shanto

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

BANGLADESH captain Najmul Hossain Shanto wants to take confidence from the series win in Pakistan as the team arrived in Chennai for the two-Test series against India which begins on Thursday.

Shanto, despite acknowledging that it will be a challenge, made it clear that they will be looking to win both the matches in Chennai and Kanpur. "It's definitely going to be a very challenging series for us," Shanto was quoted as saying at the pre-departure press briefing at the Dhaka airport. "After a good series there is definitely an extra confidence in the team, in the people of the country. Every series is an opportunity. We will play to win both matches. The things that matter to win, the process matters... our aim will be to do the work properly. Good results are possible if we do our job properly," the Bangladesh captain added.

As things stand, India are on the top of the World Test Championship table and winning all five home games (two vs Bangladesh and three against New Zealand) will ensure their qualification for the final of the tournament. Shanto, however, wants to focus on playing good cricket for five days. "If you see the ranking, they are much ahead of us," Shanto noted. "We have been playing well lately. We have had a good series. Our aim will be to play well for five days. The result comes in the last session on the last day. If we play good cricket for five days, there is a chance for either team to win in the last session," the skipper said just before boarding the flight to Chennai.

Both Bangladesh and India will be training at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai from Monday.

EXPRESS READ

Davis Cup: India suffer sixth defeat vs Sweden

STOCKHOLM: Ramkumar Ramanathan and N Sriram Balaji could play well only in patches in the do-or-die doubles encounter and later Siddharth Vishwakarma lost on debut as India went down 0-4 to Sweden in the Davis Cup World Group I tie, here Sunday. After losing both the singles on Saturday, India needed to win the third rubber to stay alive in the tie but Ramkumar and Balaji went down 3-6, 4-6 against Andre Goransson and Filip Bergevi to concede an unassailable 0-3 lead. India's dismal record against Sweden in the Davis Cup continued as it was the team's sixth defeat in as many ties.

Indian F2 driver Maini survives crash in Baku

BAKU (AZERBAIJAN): Indian driver Kush Maini on Sunday survived a horrifying crash after he stalled at the start of the feature race in Formula 2, a support race to Formula 1. The scary incident occurred on the opening lap of the Formula 2 race which preceded the Formula 1 Azerbaijan GP. The 23-year-old Indian had nowhere to go at the race start as his car's engine stopped working suddenly. That left fellow drivers Josep Maria Marti and Oliver Goethe unsighted, leading to a massive collision.

ISL: Punjab beat Kerala Blasters

AGENCIES @Kochi

PUNJAB FC secured a stoppage-time 2-1 victory over Kerala Blasters FC to kick off their Indian Super League (ISL) campaign here on Sunday. The game looked set to end in a goalless draw, despite exciting efforts from both sides until the final 10 minutes of the contest and deep into the stoppage time.

During the pulsating final minutes Punjab grabbed the win with captain Majcen sliding in a ball to Filip Mrzljak in close range of goal. The latter tapped the ball in and got Punjab ahead, with only a few minutes to spare. Kerala struck back with the duo of Milos Drncic and Vibin Mohanan, but the defender's strike at goal was overruled, handing a thrilling win to the visitors.

Bhui ton in vain as India A seal win

AGENCIES @Anantapur

PACER Anshul Kamboj ended up with an eight-wicket haul as India C took the lead in the Duleep Trophy standings on the basis of the first innings lead against India B here in Anantapur on Sunday.

In the other match, Ricky Bhui delayed the inevitable with a stubborn hundred, but spinners Shams Mulani and Tanush Kotian eventually brought India D to their knees as India A walked away with a 186-run win.

Resuming day four at 309 for seven, India B were dismissed for 332 in 108 overs with Kamboj cleaning up the tail to add to his overnight five wickets. India B skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran remained unbeaten on 157 off 286 balls. India C, who amassed 525 in the first innings, reached 128 for four in their second innings and that was the moment where players to decided to shake hands. India C got three points for the first innings lead, pushing them to top with nine points in two games while India B got a solitary point for a draw.

Captain Ruturaj Gaikwad (62) stuck his second fifty of the match while Madhya Pradesh batter Rajat Patidar was dismissed in the 40s for the second consecutive time in the game. It was only the third time in Duleep Trophy history that a pacer had taken eight wickets or more in an innings.

Kamboj was deservingly named player of the match. It was the first ever five wicket haul for the Haryana cricketer in his 15th first class game. He has played for five-time champions Mumbai Indians in the IPL this season.

Meanwhile, Bhui, starting from overnight 44, made 113 (195b, 14x4, 3x6) but India D, overnight 62, were bundled out for 301, chasing a formidable target of 488. The victory enabled India A to stay in contention for the title with 6 points. But they will have to get a favourable result against table-toppers India C (9 points) in their next match here from September 19. India D, out of title race after two successive defeats, will be up against second-placed India B, who have 7 points. **Briefscores:** India C 525 all in 124.1 ovs & 128/4 in 37 ovs (Gaikwad 62; Chahar 2/8 **drew with** India B 332 all out in 108 ovs (Easwaran 157 not out, Narayan Jagadeesan 70; Anshul Kamboj 8/69 in 27.5 overs); India A 290 & 380/3 decl **bt** India D 183 & 301 all out in 82.2 ovs (Bhui 113, Shreyas 41, Sanju 40; Shams 3/117, Tanush 4/73).

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Gabriel strikes as Arsenal hit Spurs with sucker punch

AGENCIES @London

Arsenal's Gabriel (foreground) celebrates after scoring the opening goal | AP

GABRIEL Magalhaes headed Arsenal to a 1-0 win at Tottenham on Sunday as the Gunners overcame the absence of key midfielders Declan Rice and Martin Odegaard to extend their north London derby dominance.

Mikel Arteta's side were without skipper Odegaard due to an ankle injury suffered on Norway duty, while Rice served a suspension for his red card against Brighton. Losing two such influential players appeared to make Arsenal vulnerable on their trip up the Seven Sisters Road to face their bitter rivals. But the Premier League title contenders dug deep with a combative display, benefitting from Tottenham's latest display of wasteful finishing before Gabriel bagged the winner in the second half.

The Brazilian defender's first goal since February made it three wins from four league games for unbeaten Arsenal as they chase a first title since 2004 after two successive runners-up finishes. Arsenal have now won on their last three visits to Tottenham, losing just once, in May 2022, in their last eight meetings with their hated neighbours.

The second placed Gunners are two points behind Manchester City as they turn their attention to their Champions League opener at Atalanta on Thursday before travelling to face Pep Guardiola's champions next weekend. The 196th north London derby showed Arsenal have steel and spirit aplenty, but they also needed a dose of good fortune as Tottenham let them off the hook in the first half.

Yamal scores twice as Barcelona beat Girona 4-1

Madrid: With two goals in less than 10 minutes, Lamine Yamal led Barcelona to its fifth straight victory at the start of the Spanish league season. The teenager's double, plus second-half goals by Dani Olmo and Pedri, gave Barcelona a commanding 4-1 win at Catalan rival Girona on Sunday, keeping its lead over Real Madrid at four points.

Madrid won at Real Sociedad on Saturday with goals from Kylian Mbappe and Vinicius Junior. Villarreal was the other team four points back after winning 2-1 at Mallorca on Saturday.

Messi scores twice

Fort Lauderdale (US): Lionel Messi made a successful return after a lengthy absence, scoring two goals and assisting on the third to lead Inter Miami to a 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia Union. The Argentine star winger and eight-time Ballon d'Or winner had not played with Inter Miami since June 1 because of national team commitments and a right ankle injury sustained in a 1-0 victory over Colombia in the Copa America final on July 14.

India favourites against Korea in ACT hockey SF

AGENCIES @Hulunbuir (China)

MAINTAINING a clean slate, favourites India will fancy their chances when they take on unpredictable Korea in the semi-finals of the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament here. The defending champions have been in rollicking form in the tournament so far, registering five wins out of five league matches.

The most promising part of India's performance has been the form of the strikers. Scoring field goals was a major concern in Paris but here the young forwardline comprising Sukhjeet Singh, Abhishek, Uttam Singh, Gurjot Singh, Araijeet Singh Hundal and others have exceeded expectations. Young midfielder Raj Kumar Pal, too, has shone bright, scoring some fine field goals. Harmanpreet, one of the best drag-flickers in the world currently, has led from the front, converting as many as five penalty corners. Harmanpreet also has an able understudy in young Jugraj Singh. India's defence has performed stoutly, conceding four goals with goalkeepers Krishan Bahadur Pathak and Suraj Karkera performing under pressure.

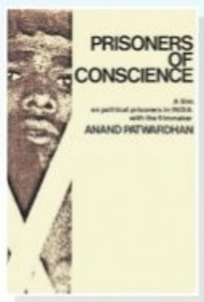
But a knockout game is a new beginning for any side and the Indians can ill afford to take Korea lightly as they can spring a surprise on their day. Harmanpreet warned his teammates against taking Korea lightly. "Korea is a tough team, they defend very well and can counterattack fast," said Harmanpreet.

Inspiration from the screen

Are you a cinephile? Is preparation for the CSE preventing you from watching movies? Here are a few films and documentaries that can help you do both!

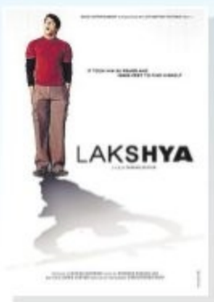
WHILE the Civil Service Examination is a serious affair that requires dedicated preparation, too much studying could lead to exhaustion and burnout. As a result, it is advised to include activities that help you unwind, and give you the motivation to prepare at the same time. One of these activities is watching movies.

Apart from acting as a source of entertainment, films can also aid in preparing for CSE, as aspirants can retain information from visual sources much better than text or study material. In addition, several films and documentaries lucidly depict social, political, and historical topics. If you are looking for ways to enhance your preparation for the interview round and gain new perspectives, these movies, shows and documentaries must be included in your watchlist:

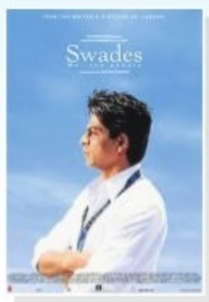


PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE (1978)
A chronicle of political prisoners during Indira Gandhi's Emergency, and an exploration of political dissent in the face of an authoritarian government

BHARAT EK KHOJ (1988-1989)
A 53-episode historical drama based on Jawaharlal Nehru's book of the same name (A Discovery of India), that covers the 5,000-year history of the Indian subcontinent

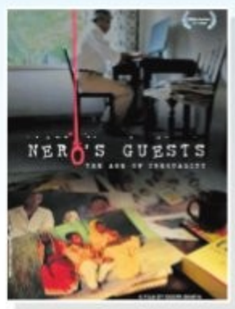


LAKSHYA (2004)
An aimless young man goes on a journey of self-discovery and transformation to emerge as a decorated war hero in the Kargil War

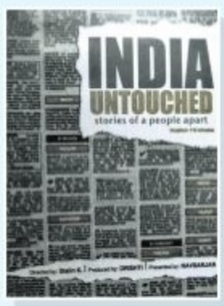


SWADES (2004)
When a successful Indian scientist in NASA returns to India, he embarks on a mission to bring electricity to a remote village in Uttar Pradesh

GANDHI (2009)
This documentary by the BBC details the life, times and political philosophy of the Mahatma



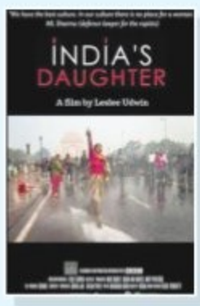
NERO'S GUESTS (2009)
A look at India's agrarian crisis and farmer suicides through the words and lectures of eminent rural journalist P Sainath



INDIA UNTOUCHED: STORIES OF A PEOPLE APART (2009)
This documentary sheds light on the continued oppression and discrimination meted out to the Dalits — the so-called untouchables — in modern India

LEADER (2010)
After he becomes Chief Minister following his father's death, a young political scion attempts to clean a rigged and corrupt political system from within

PRADHANMANTRI (2013)
Created for ABP News and hosted by actor-director Shekhar Kapoor, this series aimed to explain the course of India's history after 1947 through the actions of (then) 13 Prime Ministers who occupied the post.



INDIA'S DAUGHTER (2015)
Based on the Nirbhaya case that "shook the nation", this controversial documentary is a shocking portrait of the rapists convicted for the crime — and the society that breeds them

NEWTON (2017)
A government servant is assigned the task of conducting elections in a Naxal-dominated village in the jungles of Central India. However, the assignment isn't as simple as it seems.

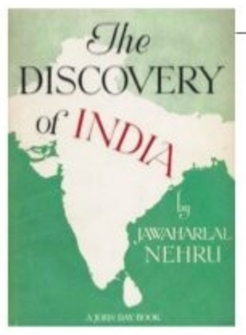
12TH FAIL (2023)
A tale of resilience and honesty, 12th Fail is based on the real-life story of Manoj Kumar Sharma IPS, who overcame poverty to clear the CSE and become an IPS Officer

Out of syllabus

Essential reads for UPSC aspirants outside study material

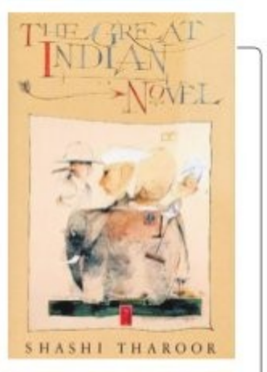
As important as remembering information from the syllabus is, it is also essential for UPSC aspirants to read as much as they can to broaden their perspectives and knowledge. While these books aren't "MUST READS", they help aspirants gain new insights into Indian and world history, economics, policy, and social structures. Some of these books also help in personality development.

HERE IS A NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF BOOKS THAT UPSC ASPIRANTS READ AS PART OF THEIR PREPARATION:

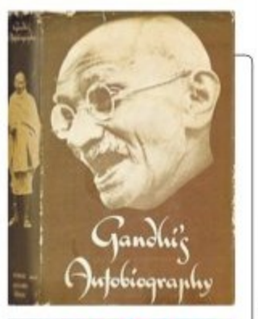


THE DISCOVERY OF INDIA
Jawaharlal Nehru

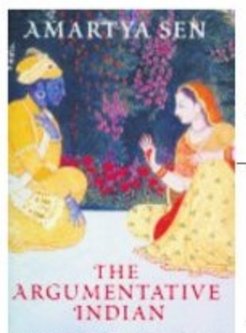
INDIA'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE
Bipin Chandra



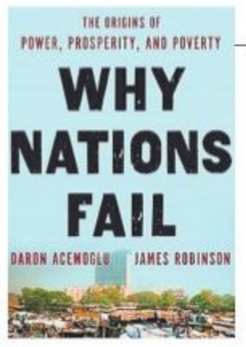
THE GREAT INDIAN NOVEL
Shashi Tharoor



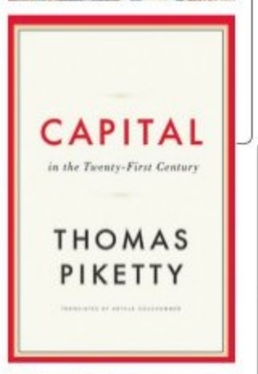
THE STORY OF MY EXPERIMENTS WITH TRUTH
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi



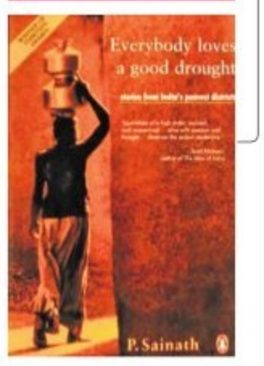
THE ARGUMENTATIVE INDIAN
Amartya Sen



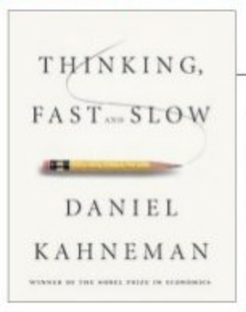
WHY NATIONS FAIL
Daron Acemoglu and James A Robinson



CAPITAL IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY
Thomas Piketty

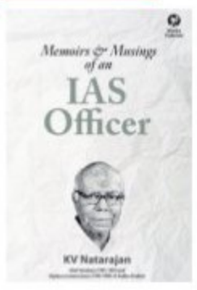


EVERYBODY LOVES A GOOD DROUGHT
P Sainath



THINKING FAST AND SLOW
Daniel Kahneman

MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS OF AN IAS OFFICER
KV Natarajan



In addition, aspirants can also read newspapers and magazines, economic surveys put out by the government, and textbooks from their undergraduate/ postgraduate education.

UPSC MAINS 2024 WEEK 3

In the final week before the UPSC Mains, the focus should be on revision and simulating exam conditions. Ravi Kapoor, Former Indian Revenue Services officer and Chief Mentor at Testbook says the aim is to consolidate learnings, address gaps, and ensure you're mentally & physically prepared

PREPARATION – REVISION & EXAM SIMULATION

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW

1. **REVISION:** Comprehensive revision of all General Studies papers, Ethics, and your Optional subject. This includes both static content and current affairs.
2. **EXAM SIMULATION:** Attempt full-length mock tests under timed conditions to simulate the actual exam environment. This will help in building stamina and improving time management.
3. **GAP-FILLING:** Use any remaining time to clear up any lingering doubts or weak areas in your preparation.

Day 1 — GS Papers 1 and 2 – Revision

Focus: Comprehensive Revision of GS Paper 1 & Paper 2

TASKS

GS Paper 1: Revise key topics in History, Culture, and Geography. Use mind maps and summary notes for quick revision. Focus on areas like the Indian National Movement, major cultural landmarks, and physical geography.

GS Paper 2: Revise core topics in Polity, Governance, and International Relations. Ensure you have a clear understanding of Constitutional provisions, recent amendments, and major international agreements.

- Refer previous year's questions, practice answer writing, focusing on clarity and structure.

Example: For GS Paper 2, revisit the 2021 question on "Electoral Reforms in India" and practice writing a comprehensive answer with current examples.

Day 2 — GS Papers 3 and 4 – Revision

Focus: Comprehensive Revision of GS Paper 3 and Paper 4 (Ethics)

TASKS

GS Paper 3: Focus on revising key topics in Economics, Disaster Management, and Internal Security. Ensure you understand the latest economic policies, disaster management frameworks, and security challenges.

GS Paper 4: Revisit key ethical theories, values, and practice case studies. Focus on applying ethical principles to real-world scenarios.

- Practice writing answers to ethics case studies and questions on economic reforms.

Example: For GS Paper 3, revise the 2020 question on "The Impact of GST on the Indian Economy" and ensure you can answer with updated data and examples.

Day 3 — Optional Paper – In-Depth Revision

Focus: Comprehensive Revision of Your Optional Subject

TASKS

- Go through all major topics in your optional subject. Ensure you have a strong grasp of key theories, concepts, and case studies.
- Revise the notes and summaries you've prepared over the past weeks. Focus on areas where you feel less confident.
- Practice writing answers to past year questions, ensuring you can present your knowledge clearly and concisely.

Example: If your optional is Sociology, revise topics like "Social Movements in India" and practice writing about recent examples, such as the farmer protests.

Day 4 — Exam Simulation – GS Papers 1 and 2 Mock Test

Focus: Full-Length Mock Test for GS Papers 1 and 2

TASKS

- Attempt a full-length mock test for GS Paper 1 in the morning session, simulating real exam conditions. Focus on completing the paper within the allotted time.
- After a short break, attempt a full-length mock test for GS Paper 2 in the afternoon session. This will help you manage time and improve your writing speed.
- Review your answers critically, identifying areas for improvement and making necessary adjustments.

Example: Compare your answers with model answers to see where you can add more depth or improve your argumentation.

Day 5 — Exam Simulation – GS Papers 3 and 4 Mock Test

Focus: Full-Length Mock Test for GS Papers 3 and 4 (Ethics)

TASKS

- Start the day with a full-length mock test for GS Paper 3. Focus on managing time effectively and ensuring your answers are well-structured.
- After a break, attempt a full-length mock test for GS Paper 4. Pay special attention to the ethics case studies and ensure you apply ethical theories appropriately.
- Review your performance, paying attention to time management and the quality of your answers.

Example: For GS Paper 4, focus on how well you've applied ethical principles to the case studies and whether your answers are balanced and thoughtful.

Day 6 — Optional Paper Mock Test and Final Revisions

Focus: Full-Length Mock Test for Optional Paper and Final Revisions

TASKS

- Attempt a full-length mock test for your optional subject in the morning. Focus on writing clear, concise answers that demonstrate your in-depth understanding of the subject.
- Use the afternoon to review your performance and make any final revisions to your notes.
- Identify any weak areas and spend the remaining time reinforcing those topics.

Example: If your optional is Public Administration, ensure that your answers demonstrate a deep understanding of administrative theories and their practical applications.

Day 7 — Final Preparations and Mental Conditioning

Focus: Light Revision, Mental Conditioning, and Relaxation

TASKS

- Spend the day lightly revising key points, focusing on areas where you feel less confident. Avoid cramming new information at this stage.
- Engage in mental conditioning exercises, such as visualisation and mindfulness, to stay calm and focused. This will help you manage stress and anxiety during the exam.
- Ensure you have all your exam materials ready and get a good night's sleep before the big day.

Example: Review summary notes and mind maps to reinforce key concepts and ensure you feel confident and prepared.

Week 3 is all about refining your preparation, ensuring you have a strong grasp of all subjects, and building the mental and physical stamina required to perform at your best. By following this structured plan, you'll be well-prepared to tackle the UPSC Mains exam with confidence. Remember, the key to success is not just hard work, but also smart work and effective time management.

Ravi Kapoor, former IRS officer & Chief Mentor at Testbook, an exam prep app

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At a time when automobiles were still considered to be a novelty and the industry was extremely fragmented, General Motors was founded in 1908

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GM produced a variety of cars for a variety of buyers. In its first two years, GM cobbled together 30 companies, including 11 automakers, some supplier firms, and an electric company

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BOOM IN BUSINESS

Less than 16 months after GM's incorporation, the owner William Durant had purchased 22 companies of all kinds, some of them boosting his company

CONSEQUENCES

Buying all these companies proved expensive for GM, and people were flocking to Ford's inexpensive Model T. In 1911, the board forced Durant to quit

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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'INDUSTRY SEEMS INDIFFERENT TO WRITING BY WOMEN'

When filmmakers began obsessing over controlling every aspect of what constitutes a film, and, more importantly, wanting to take credit for everything, that's when the quality of Kannada cinema started to decline. The current problems the industry is lamenting can be traced back to this. The situation for women writers in the industry is particularly dire. Over the course of its 90-year history, there have likely been fewer than half a dozen women writers. Even though Kannada literature and theatre are brimming with female writers, cinema has always been male-dominated. Even if a talented woman writer somehow manages to get work, it's highly unlikely she'll receive the recognition she deserves. The industry seems indifferent to the writing women might produce or seem to avoid it entirely.

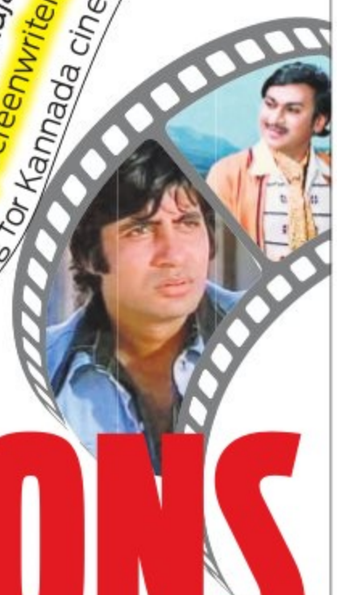
— Sumana Kittur, screenwriter-director-lyricist

'WRITERS WHO ONLY WANT TO WRITE ARE RARE'

I learned screenwriting out of necessity. The stories I want to tell and the writers we aim to develop are hard to come by. We've brought in writers because good writing requires more than technique; life experience is essential for certain subjects. Writers' rooms could benefit directors, but it's rare to find writers here who want to focus solely on writing. However, this differs from what I hear about places like Hollywood where writers want to stick only to writing.

— Vikas Badiger, filmmaker-producer

The docuseries Angry Young Men delves into the journey of the legendary writing duo Salim-Javed, creators of films like Sholay and Raja Nanna Raja, while also shedding light on the struggles faced by contemporary screenwriters. CE speaks to industry-insiders about the challenges of writing for Kannada cinema



INK BEHIND ICONS

POOJA DAS

HOW often have you watched a film and then looked up the writer? Likely not too often. Screenwriters, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to shape the worlds, characters, and stories we enjoy, continue to face numerous challenges. The Kannada industry is no different. Writers often turn to directing out of necessity, limited budgets, and scarcity of writers' rooms. Yet, as the industry evolves, those who wield the pen hold onto hope for better times ahead.

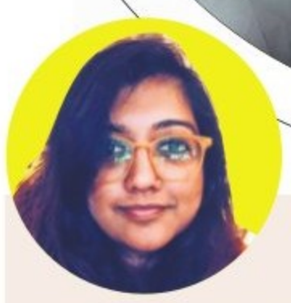
A young Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar

'HARD TO GET RECOGNITION'

In my experience, many writers become directors because gaining recognition solely as a writer is difficult, especially compared to the Malayalam film industry. While there are signs of change, there's still a long road ahead. For outsiders, getting a script made is challenging, often relying on connections or networking. Even OTT platforms won't accept scripts directly from independent writers. The process is typically opaque, involving agents or representatives.

— Nishanth, writer-filmmaker

(With inputs from Dese Gowda)



'PRODUCTION HOUSES ARE INVESTING MORE IN WRITERS'

Writing rooms are still a new concept, particularly in the Kannada industry, but production houses are starting to invest in writers and teams, which is encouraging. The main benefit of being part of a writing team is the opportunity to collaborate, exchange feedback, and foster a better writing culture. Working with a studio has given me the security of a steady income, allowing me to focus solely on writing. Freelance writers often have to take on additional jobs to make ends meet, as writing alone doesn't always provide financial stability, and consistent work can be hard to find.

— Pooja Sudhir, screenwriter, Paramvah Studios

'WRITERS ARE OFTEN UNDERVALUED'

With the rise of OTT platforms, writing is finally gaining some recognition, something that's been long overdue, particularly in the Kannada industry. For example, a talented character actor might earn ₹3-3.5 lakh per day, while a skilled screenwriter struggles to secure ₹5 lakh for an entire film. Writers create the world, the atmosphere, and the characters, yet they are undervalued by producers. The audience sees the actors, hears the music, and notices the cinematography, but not the writing. While it's understandable that audiences may overlook the writing, producers have no excuse.

— KM Chaitanya, filmmaker

'MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW WRITERS'

In filmmaking, it's essential to recognise the contributions of all departments, including screenwriters. A strong script is critical to a film's success, as it attracts talented collaborators and secures investment. With the rise of streaming platforms and global recognition of Indian films, new opportunities are emerging for writers. The digital boom and the influence of social media have expanded the market, making it easier for emerging writers to gain visibility, something that would have been much harder in the traditional film circuit.

— Chidananda S Naik, screenwriter-director

A FEAST FOR THE EYES

Members of the East Cultural Association Club celebrate Onam with a vibrant pookkaalam on Sunday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

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CITY READ

Student clinches gold at athletics championship

Unnathi Aiyappa, a student of REVA University clinched the gold medal in 100m hurdles at the SAAC- 4th South Asian Junior Athletics Championship 2024. Aiyappa, a BA student in Journalism, English and Psychology at the School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, set a new meet record with a time of 13.93 seconds. The event was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai between September 11-13.

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SD-WAN iFLX by TTBS: Driving Next-Gen Connectivity Across Industries

Enhancing Scalability and Security for Modern Enterprises

Bangalore, 16 September 2024

Tata Tele Business Services (TTBS), one of India's leading B2B digital and cloud solutions providers, hosted its flagship event- 'The Do Big Forum', a platform designed to bring together industry experts and business leaders to discuss the latest in technology-driven business solutions. The highlight of the event was **SD-WAN iFLX,** a cutting-edge connectivity solution designed to meet the evolving needs of businesses.

The forum emphasized SD-WAN iFLX role in transforming business connectivity across industries by offering seamless, secure, and scalable solutions. As businesses increasingly adopt cloud services, SD-WAN iFLX simplifies cloud access, enhances network scalability, and ensures resilience. This powerful technology is particularly suited for industries that require secure, continuous, and high-performance connectivity.

TTBS showcased how SD-WAN iFLX addresses specific industry challenges through real-world examples. Retailers can benefit from the secure transmission of CCTV feeds, manufacturers gain access to heat-resistant equipment for rugged environments, and banking institutions enjoy uninterrupted connectivity through automatic failover capabilities.

Kalidas KS, Vice-President, Tata Teleservices, emphasized the company's commitment, stating, "At Tata Tele Business Services, we aim to empower businesses to excel in the digital age by delivering innovative connectivity solutions. Our SD-WAN iFLX is designed to meet the evolving demands of enterprises, providing secure, scalable, and resilient networks that enhance both efficiency and growth. Platforms like the Do Big Forum allow us to collaborate with industry leaders, gaining insights into market challenges and offering customized solutions that keep businesses competitive and seamlessly connected, regardless of their location."

Plug-and-Play Connectivity for All Industries

TTBS solution architects discussed the evolution of enterprise networks and how SD-WAN iFLX caters to diverse industry requirements. They highlighted SD-WAN iFLX's plug-and-play capabilities eliminating complex configurations and enabling rapid deployment. Additionally, the system provides primary and secondary WAN options to ensure uninterrupted connectivity—a critical feature for industries where downtime can lead to significant operational disruptions.

From retail to manufacturing and banking to logistics, SD-WAN iFLX addresses industry-specific needs. For example, retail businesses can transmit CCTV feeds through encrypted tunnels with just a static IP at their central location. Manufacturers benefit from heat-resistant devices built for extreme industrial environments, while banking and financial institutions rely on continuous connectivity, with automatic switching between primary and secondary links to prevent downtime. The logistics sector leverages dual SIM solutions, ensuring stable and resilient connectivity in remote areas where access to reliable networks can be challenging.

SD-WAN iFLX Overcoming Traditional WAN Limitations

One of the key themes discussed at the forum was the transition from traditional WAN setups to modern SD-WAN solutions. Traditional WANs, which were typically designed for limited outlets in major cities, are no longer sufficient for today's fast-growing businesses. In contrast, SD-WAN allows enterprises to scale quickly, providing seamless access to cloud resources and centralized operations while lowering the total cost of ownership for each site.

Mr. Kalidas KS
Vice - President, Tata Teleservices

The Do Big Forum emphasized how SD-WAN iFLX simplifies cloud access, allowing businesses to scale their networks more effectively and manage traffic between remote offices and cloud-based resources. This is especially important for SMEs and MNCs with a global presence, as the demand for fast, reliable connectivity is critical to maintaining business continuity and driving growth.

Key Takeaways on SD-WAN iFLX

The forum provided several key insights into the growing importance of next-generation connectivity solutions:

- **Evolution of Enterprise Connectivity:** SD-WAN iFLX simplifies cloud access and enhances network scalability, addressing the limitations of traditional WAN setups.
- **Industry-Specific Applications:** SD-WAN iFLX is being effectively used across sectors such as retail, manufacturing, banking and logistics, offering tailored solutions for specific challenges like CCTV feed encryption, heat resistance, and continuous connectivity.
- **Plug-and-Play Solutions:** The SD-WAN iFLX system offers plug-and-play functionality, eliminating the need for complex configuration and reducing setup times to under an hour.
- **Rural Connectivity Needs:** There is an increasing demand for reliable, domestic connectivity solutions in rural areas, particularly in regions affected by natural disasters.
- **Cutting-Edge SD-WAN Technology:** Tata Tele Business Services demonstrated its expertise in SD-WAN, showcasing robust solutions for secure, scalable, and cost-effective connectivity.
- **Multi-Sector Use Case Implementation:** Experts highlighted the successful implementation of SD-WAN iFLX across multiple industries, addressing unique sector challenges with tailored solutions.
- **End-to-End Network Management:** The forum highlighted TTBS expertise to deliver comprehensive, managed network solutions, ensuring seamless operations for SMEs and MNCs alike.
- **Security and Resilience:** A strong focus on network security, encryption, and uninterrupted service delivery ensures businesses are protected and can scale confidently.

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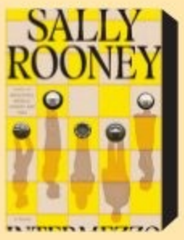
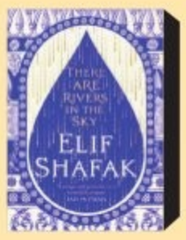


Intermezzo
by Sally Rooney

This book follows two grieving brothers and the people they love as they navigate a period of desire, despair, and possibility.

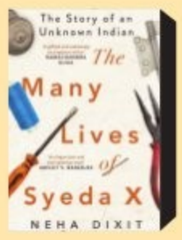


There Are Rivers In The Sky
by Elif Shafak

A tale about three characters living along two rivers, under the shadow of one of the greatest epic poems of all time. It spans over centuries, continents and cultures, entwined by rivers, rains and waterdrops.

Because He Is...
by Meghna Gulzar

The book explores the journey of Gulzar – poet, filmmaker, lyricist and author – in the words of his daughter. Meghna documents the life of her father, transcending the patterns of a conventional biography to present a touching account of the legend's life, career, personal joys and sorrows, profusely illustrated.



The Many Lives of Syeda X: The Story of an Unknown Indian
by Neha Dixit

What does the life of an ordinary working-class Indian look and feel like? Journalist Neha Dixit traces the story of one such faceless Indian woman.

RETRO COOL

A visitor explores a collection of vintage cars on display at an auto show at Palace Grounds | ALLEN EGENUSEJ

QUICKFIX

PASTA IN PUMPKIN SAUCE

INGREDIENTS

- **Pasta (Penne/Fusilli/Farell):** 1 cup
- **Red capsicum:** 1
- **Pumpkin:** 1/2 cup
- **Tomato:** 2
- **Red chilli flakes, oregano, salt:** as per taste
- **Cheese:** 1/2 cube
- **Olive oil:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Cook pasta in boiling water for ten minutes. Strain and keep aside.
- Meanwhile, chop capsicum, tomato and peeled pumpkin. Place it on a tray, drizzle some oil and microwave it for seven minutes.
- Remove the peels of the capsicum and tomato, and blend them along with the pumpkin and some red chilli flakes.
- In a pan, add a tablespoon of olive oil. Add oregano and chilli flakes. Add the purée and cook for a few minutes.
- Add the cooked pasta and some salt. Cook till the sauce thickens.
- Serve with some grated cheese on top.

Contributed by **Radhika Madhavan**, Chennai

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Inner Peace

Enter a realm of tranquillity and wellness with the yoga workshop. The session offers a profound exploration of yogic practices, emphasising deep relaxation techniques, breath control, and healing therapies.

WHEN: September 16, 10am
WHERE: New York Dance Classes, Ranka Colony Road
CALL: 98187 41350

Laugh out loud

Embark on a delightful comedic journey with the acclaimed entertainer **Aiyyo Shraddha**, as her First Rank Tour begins. This 60-minute performance offers a humorous take on everyday life, filled with witty observations and laughter for audiences of all ages.

WHEN: September 16, 4pm
WHERE: Nandi Link Grounds, Pantarapalya
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Vivid Fusion

Channel your inner Banksy and create striking patterns and designs at this art workshop.

WHEN: September 16, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Lively Evening

Indulge in live music that creates the ideal ambiance for an evening out. Enjoy delectable bites, immerse in the vibrant atmosphere, and let the rhythm lead to a week of unforgettable experiences.

WHEN: September 16, 7pm **WHERE:** Badmaash Lounge, Koramangala **CALL:** 78294 71000

Love Blossoms

Prepare to embark on a journey to discover your ideal match through shared interests and like-mindedness. Anonymously Yours presents the ultimate blind dating event in the heart of Bengaluru.

WHEN: September 16, 7.30pm
WHERE: Napoli Italian Bistro, HSR Layout
CALL: 080-4206 1656

Baked Delights

Explore the delightful world of baking with the Art of Baking workshop, designed for beginners. This two-hour session reveals the secrets of whisking, folding, and batter preparation under the expert guidance of a professional pastry chef.

WHEN: September 16, 3pm
WHERE: SmallWorld, Koramangala
DETAILS: linktr.ee/smallworld

DR VIVEK ARORA

drvivekarora@hotmail.com

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

My dog is a neutered 3-year-old golden retriever. He often gets lazy during the day. How to ensure enough physical and mental stimulation for him?

It's very good that you realise the need of physical and mental stimulation for your pet. In fact, lack of exercise, absence of mental stimulation and sedentary lifestyle are major reasons for the occurrence of cognitive issues and health problems in pets. Start with daily walks, at least twice a day, each around one hour. Engage your pet in games like 'fetch' or play with a sturdy toy. Another option is to take him for walks with another pet friend, this way he would look forward to go for walks, indulge in more play with the 'walk-mate'. Try and stick to his walk timings, rotate his toys and give him a comfortable space, so that he can also rest.

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PATITA TARASANA VARIATION

(FALLEN TRIANGLE POSE VARIATION)

This variation is a combination of Triangle Pose (Side Plank Pose). The main focus of including this pose variation in yoga flows is to develop body awareness including the fingers and wrists, and to build hip and leg flexibility. This is a creative arm balancing pose that also acts as a foundation for yoga sequences or poses challenging the biceps and triceps like the Sage Visvamitrasana.

STEPS

- Start in Downward Facing Dog Pose, grounding the palms and feet, maintain hip-width gap between the legs and keep the hands shoulder-width apart.
- Shoulders should be away from your ears. Stretch the spine. Inhale, lift the right leg and extend it upwards, lift the left heel off the mat and come into Three Legged Downward Facing Dog Pose.
- Pull the navel into the spine and tighten the abdominal wall to bring the body weight from the left foot to the centre of the body, the core.
- Exhale, bend the right leg and bring the right knee in towards the left elbow. Stretch the right leg, open it on the left side, and rest the outer edge of the right foot on the floor in line with the hips.
- Feel comfortable and shift the weight on the left hand; inhale, and lift the right arm up to open the chest and shoulder.
- Simultaneously, pivot on your back foot, drop your heel down toward the left side on the ground and come on the inner edge of the left foot. Ensure not to sink into the supporting shoulder joint.
- Keep the neck stretched, relaxed and in line with the spine. Breathe deeply to balance initially for about three times.
- Release the pose and come back to Downward Facing Dog Pose. After taking a few deep breaths, repeat the same on the other side.
- Finally, release and relax in Child Pose.

BENEFITS

- Provides a deep stretch in the muscles of the lower back, legs, shoulders, arms, chest, neck, and hips.
- Helps engage the core, which also strengthens and tones it.
- Helps gain strength and mobility in shoulders, rib cage, hips, pelvis, knees, ankles, and wrists.
- Prepares the hips and pelvis for deeper stretches and twists like Parivrtta Ardha Hanumanasana Variation.
- Helps improve the functioning of the lungs.
- Included in Vinyasa Yoga sequences, boosting the energy level, and releasing the day's stress and tension.
- Impacts the lower body, especially the lower back and legs.
- Increases the stimulation of circulatory organs including the heart and lungs.
- Increases fresh blood supply to the lower back, hips, and feet to address tiredness and lethargies, if any.
- Helps stimulate nervous, digestive, and reproductive systems.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with injuries or recently undergone surgeries to hips, wrists, arms, neck, lower back, or spine, weakness in these parts, those with issues related to arthritis, especially the seniors, pregnant women, post-surgery recovery, avoid this pose.
- Those who have certain conditions like osteoporosis, severe sciatica, neck or shoulder stiffness should practise with care and precaution.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

ARTCORNER

ART IMITATES LIFE

Shreya Ramani, an artist from Vadodara, paints her experience of city in her work 'Sheher Mein'.

ECSTASY AND LEGACY

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

I have noticed whenever I meet with my ilk (people), my soul feels uplifted and I'm back to feeling that there is a purpose for my existence. I have been put on terra-firma, to fly like there is no horizon, to dance like no one is watching, to motivate and be motivated, to laugh, sing and all the things that don't contribute much to one's financial kitty but torrentially pour down on you artistically. It fulfils some deep-seated need to contribute and be surrounded with beautiful-talent. From a very young age I was irresistibly drawn toward all types of performing arts. I could sing, dance, act, draw and make people laugh. My mom often called me a 'nautanki' (drama queen) and I would beam with pride at being called one! Right through school and college, I was popular, because I would light up the moment I hit the stage. Even now, my heart lifts and my artistic genes sing (don't call me a snob now) every time I am in an artistic space.

My soul-sistah and friend, a danseuse par-excellence Madhu Nataraj invited me to witness 'poetry-in-motion', a dance ballet by her institute, Natya STEM Dance Kampni. As she eloquently stated: 'Kathas retold through vintage and contemporary choreographies'. The beauty of the shows that Madhu presents is that she herself becomes the 'kathakar' or storyteller weaving a mesmerising tale of how historical veracity coexists with artistic resilience! It was an exercise in sheer beauty. The clap of the dancer's feet on the wooden stage told a story with the tinkle of their 'ghungroos'. I was elated as I whispered the stories and their significance to a young-man (a fan) who sat next to me on the stairs of the packed auditorium. I felt flushed, and my heart thumped as hard as the dancer's feet. I was truly blessed that day to be in the presence of such passion and dedication. My lithe and beautiful friend, Madhu, has fiercely and passionately kept her mother, the uber-talented Dr Maya Rao's legacy alive. I learned something new that day. Since Kathak as a dance form has survived through the ages from being temple dancers to dancing in the Mughal courts, perhaps the awe-inspiring twirls, which is a hall-mark of Kathak dancing came from the Sufi whirling dervishes!

Akanksha Dean, Yasara S, Chef Rukie and Senuri D

Vivek Shah, Madhu Nataraj and Susan Fernandes

After my small sojourn to Sri Lanka, the beautiful little island with its gentle people and familiar cuisine has grown on me. There is a familiarity about the island where one is at home and still in a foreign land. I had a chance to taste their multi-faceted cuisine once again when I was invited by writer-food aficionado Rupali Dean, and her daughter Akanksha to dine at a pop-up of Sri Lankan food in the tasteful environs of Le Cirque, Leela Palace. This meal promised to have a modern contemporary presentation without losing the quintessential flavours of Sri Lankan cuisine. To say I was intrigued was an understatement! The handsome Chef Rukie accompanied with his lovely assistants Senuri and Yasara from the Galle-Face Hotel in Colombo were an instant hit with their friendly demeanour and deep-seated knowledge of the gastronomic and beverage legacy of their charming island-home.

"What you leave as a legacy is not what is etched in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

(The writer's views are personal)

Conflicts and wars have always been a subject of art. Along with the lives lost, they also affect artists. Here are a few examples of how conflicts impact the art fraternity

Rashid Rana and Shilpa Gupta

INDIA - PAKISTAN

The 1947 Partition may have clearly defined lines on maps and the millions of lives that were altered may have firmly settled down with new roots after discarding severely-damaged uprooted ones, but the tensions between the two countries have only escalated with the passing of time. The contemporary art exchange between the fenced borders has been trying its best to work around the simmering conflicts.

Since its first edition in 2008, the India Art Fair, the country's largest commercial art event, has always tried to ensure the participation of Pakistani artists by including their artworks in the booths of Indian galleries. However, it is sometimes hard for cultural activities to cross the hurdles that political disputes throw as challenges. In recent times, visa complications have caused major hindrances for the organisers to carry forth their vision of inclusivity. Collaborative shows were very much a part of the fair until 2015, when an exhibition showcasing the works of Pakistani artist Rashid Rana and Indian artist Shilpa Gupta, 'My East is Your West', was presented. The situation has most certainly worsened in the past years and the presence of Pakistani artists has dwindled ever since.

It has been the same case with the Kochi Muziris Biennale, India's prestigious exhibition of contemporary art. Although Pakistani artists have been featured in the initial editions, it has become increasingly more difficult to do so. Kochi, the venue of the Biennale, being a naval base, comes with its own set of strict guidelines. Artists and visitors from Pakistan are expected to go to the local police station everyday for checks. The trouble sometimes just does not seem to be worth it.

BEYOND BORDERS & BRUTALITY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, will forever be etched in the memories of all those who lived through the horror of terrorism that unfolded and caught the world completely unguarded on that bleak day. Decades may have erased the terrors that shook our core, but the world still lives under the dark shadow of terrorism that often raises its ugly head with acts of mindless violence. With countries at war, boundaries being redrawn and borders persistently contested, how does art that cannot be confined to marked territories be free from the consequences of terrorism? The ramifications of these conflicts that divide nations create enormous logistical nightmares for both artists and art galleries. We take a closer look at how the world of art has been impacted by brutality.

RUSSIA - UKRAINE

Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine has stopped making it to the headlines perhaps, in a world so desensitised to all the destruction and loss of innocent lives. However, the art community still proclaims the need for peace through powerful artworks. Russia's assault was not just territorial. It was also an attempt to erase the Ukrainian cultural identity. Widespread looting of national cultural treasures have been constantly reported.

A museum dedicated to Ukraine's folk artist, Maria Prymachenko in Kyiv has been ruined in bombing. The Unesco-listed Transfiguration Cathedral in the city of Odessa has been destroyed. The Kharkiv Museum, which houses the biggest collection of Ukrainian art suffered extensive damages in 2022, due to Russian shelling. The devastation is not just limited to only the tangible, but also has as its victims, artists and writers too. Although there are no official records, the lists compiled hint at atleast 65 cultural figures who have died due to Russian aggression.

Kharkiv Museum

A Palestinian artist

ISRAEL - PALESTINE

When the opening of an exhibition on Islamic Art was cancelled by a reputed US Museum on flimsy grounds, it was a harbinger of things to come. The decision was clearly linked to the conflict between Israel and Palestine. Soon after, a museum event in Ohio by a Palestinian artist was called off and the editor of a reputed international art magazine was fired after the publication of an open letter signed by artists demanding a ceasefire – the reason offered being that it failed to meet editorial standards. Artists in both Israel and Palestine have been finding it heartbreaking to process the crisis and their artworks have been stating their anguish. It has been a very dangerous time for them and censorship dictates their expression unfailingly. And yet, despite all the cancelled shows and the fear, they carry on in the hope that the language of art will someday talk peace.

A metaphorical game on trash

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

What is a soulslike game? Ask anyone who has played their fair share of games, and they'll all probably tell you the same thing. 'Extremely difficult', 'dark, grisly, and cruel', and 'it made me question my self-worth' will be the top responses. Kind of throws you off ever wanting to play one, no? I played *Elden Ring*, and I knew instantly that soulslike games were absolutely not my thing. I don't have a choice though – playing a soulslike game is a trial-by-fire initiation to becoming a 'true gamer'. And so, I try *Another Crab's Treasure*.

This weird crab game immediately makes me feel very comfortable. I meet Kril, a sweet, mild-mannered hermit crab, who has his shell forcibly removed off him by a loan shark. The loan shark asks him to go meet the duchess and make his tax payments. He also receives the slight shock of sea trash now being dubbed as the new currency by her Majesty, not something he has a lot of. Kril jumps into the ocean. Everything is light, flowy, and relaxed. Kril always makes sweet conversation with the duchess' castle soldiers and the tiny trainee crabs. Even when rabid sea eels and weird crab come to attack Kril, the music is always mild, and the vibes thrown out are quite anti-soulslike. What makes this a soulslike game then? Well, the combat is definitely not easy. It has the trademark shield, dodge, roll and attack mechanic that all these soulslike battles seem to have. There are also complex skill and combat trees. It brings in the element of magic through Kril's temporary shells – he could use a soda can which releases shock waves, a shot glass, and unleashes shards, or just wear a banana peel (It's light and it gives him some health perks). Most importantly, the game has designated respawn points in the form of Moon Snail Shells. A soulslike gamer would be familiar with this feature – Kril's collected perks remain at the location of his last death; it's like the game dares you to go back to the spot of your last failure.

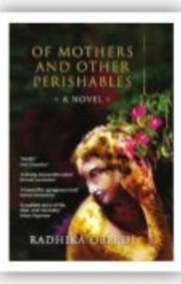
Right – so let's summarise what we know about this crab game. Mechanically, crab game and every other soulslike game are similar. It's just the vibes that couldn't be more different. And that changes everything. The world built around the crab, the lead character himself, and the inherent silliness of the story makes this game a lot more approachable, which brings me to the thesis of my review. World-building is always as important as gameplay.

Elden Ring, for example, has wastelands of undead monsters and a convoluted high-fantasy story as part of its world. *Another Crab's Treasure*, is a little more grounded and a lot more simplistic. It shows us how the life of a young hermit crab is thrown upside down because microplastics have now been dubbed as the reigning currency of the seabed. Tin cans and bottle caps are his new shells, and he can't go through gates unless he can show them a shiny shard from a degrading water bottle. To make matters worse, sweet sea creatures are also turning rabid because of the 'gunk' from the plastics. The crab game is a lot more relatable with its metaphor on trash and the polluted oceans. A rather friendly entry into the more difficult type of videogame. *Another Crab's Treasure* is currently available on the PlayStation, Windows, Nintendo, and Xbox.

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGETS

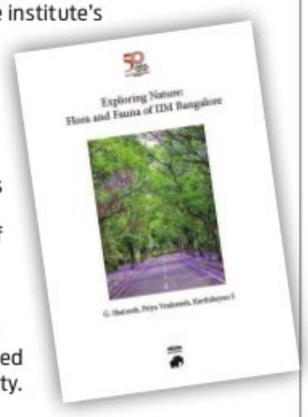
Book discussion held on September 15



Authors Radhika Oberoi and Andaleeb Wajid discussed *Of Mothers and Other Perishables*, Oberoi's latest novel, on September 15 at Champaca Bookstore, off Queen's Road. The novel, an exploration of grief and memories, is set against the backdrop of political unrest in Delhi. It oscillates between the story of a deceased mother, who reflects on her life, and her daughter, who navigates the challenges of work and a city in turmoil.

New book on IIMB's biodiversity launched

The book *Exploring Nature: Flora and Fauna* of IIM Bangalore, co-authored by Prof G Shainesh, Priya Venkatesh, and Karthikeyan S, was launched on September 14 at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. The event featured a discussion on the inspiration behind the book. This volume, the third in a series commemorating IIMB's Golden Jubilee, celebrates the institute's unique ecosystem, highlighting its rich flora and fauna. The book offers insights into the coexistence of nature and education, making it a must-read for those interested in sustainability.



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I, **Sri. AKASH BHUNIYA,** S/o Ajit Bhuniya, aged about 23 years, R/at Paschimpara, Khashmorah, Howrah District, West Bengal - 711411, now at Bangalore. My correct name is **"AKASH BHUNIYA"** by mistake mentioned in my Aadhara Card as **"AKASH BHUYA"** above mentioned both names belongs to me only. vide affidavit dated:**03-09-2024** sworn to before **B.Hanumantha Raya,** Advocate & Notary, at Bangalore.

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RAJINIKANTH'S *COOLIE* FEATURES RACHITA RAM IN A NEGATIVE ROLE?

Rachita ram

That's the buzz about the Dimple Queen's role in Lokesh Kanagaraj's directorial, which is currently in production

A still from the film

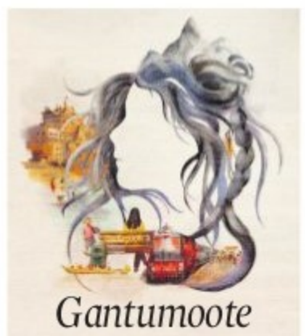
A SHARADHAA

EARLIER, we exclusively reported that Rachita Ram will make her Tamil film debut in the highly anticipated project *Coolie*, directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj and starring Rajinikanth. Initially, there were speculations about Rachita visiting Chennai to discuss her role with the Lokesh.

While the team has not yet officially confirmed her participation, sources suggest that she has started filming, and her role is already creating excitement.

The film features a stellar cast, including Soubin Shahir, Nagarjuna, Shruti Haasan, Sathyaraj, and Upendra, while Bollywood actor Aamir Khan is reportedly the latest to join the project. Meanwhile, rumour has it that Rachita Ram will play a negative character, marking her first foray into such a role and adding an exciting dimension to the film. Interestingly, Rajinikanth's *Padayappa*, directed by KS Ravikumar, featured Ramya Krishnan as the antagonist, in a role still fondly remembered by fans.

Whether Rachita Ram will make a significant impact with her new character remains to be seen, but the anticipation is high. Beyond *Coolie*, Rachita has recently wrapped up shooting for Nagashekar's Sanju Weds Geetha 2 and is also working on upcoming projects with director Jadeshaa K Hampi, featuring Vijay Kumar, and Anil Kumar's *Cult*, starring Zaid Khan, which will start filming soon.



Gantumoote director Roopa Rao returns to helm her next, *Gochara*

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ROOPA Rao, known for her acclaimed film *Gantumoote* and her recent production *Kenda* directed by Sahadev Kelavadi, is making a return to direction with her new project, *Gochara*. The film has already piqued interest with its mysterious vibe and travel-themed hints in its poster.

The title *Gochara* sparked speculation about whether it could be a sequel to her earlier work. Although specific details are still under wraps, the film's poster suggests a narrative centred around travel. Roopa Rao shared her excitement about the project on social media, stating, "This is one the most challenging stories that has occurred to me so far. '*Gochara*', the title also showed itself. Sharing this with my extended world here as a sign of my commitment to the universe, that we will make this film happen with complete surrender soon. 'You can find only when you move'."

While *Gantumoote* explored life's baggage from a female perspective and *Kenda* tackled political satire with a crime twist, *Gochara* is expected to be given a fresh narrative. *Kenda* received praise and recognition at various film festivals.

Currently, the team has finalised the locations and the story, and they are in the process of casting the remaining roles. With Roopa Rao and Sahadev Kelavadi producing the film under Ameyukti Studios, Sahadev will also be a part of with *Gochara* as the cinematographer.

Roopa Rao

Sukesh Shetty's next, *Peter*, to be a trilingual

The film will be made in Kannada, Telugu, and Tamil, and is a crime drama with Singari Mela, a traditional art form, playing a key role in the plot

CE FEATURES

FOLLOWING the success of his critically acclaimed debut film *Dooradarshana*, director Sukesh Shetty is venturing into a new territory with his upcoming project, *Peter*. This film represents an ambitious step, taking a trilingual approach, as it is planned to be made in Kannada, Tamil, and Malayalam.

According to writer and director Sukesh Shetty, *Peter* is a sensitive crime drama. The film's first-look poster was launched by two celebrated actors: Vijay Sethupathi in Tamil and Dhananjaya in Kannada. Both lent their star power to unveil the film's title and extended their wishes to the team.

The first-look poster is rich with symbolism and mystery, picturised on an abandoned vintage Yamaha RX bike. This hints at a nostalgic or possibly significant element in the storyline. The poster also includes a wall sketch illustrating musicians in mid-performance, suggesting the film's deep connection to music and tradition. Adding to the intrigue are two handwritten notes on the wall: 'Jessie vapas bandidaale' in the Kannada and 'Royal chande hudugaru' in the Tamil and Malayalam versions. These cryptic messages further spark curiosity about the film's narrative and its cultural context.

Peter revolves around Singari Mela, a traditional art form that plays a crucial role in the plot, and is set against the backdrop of Kerala's Chende Mela, a traditional drum ensemble known for its dynamic and rhythmic performances. This centuries-old art form is said to be integral to the film's core idea, highlighting its cultural significance and its place in the broader spectrum of folk traditions. Alongside the Chende Mela, *Peter* will explore other indigenous art forms like Yakshagana, a traditional dance drama from Karnataka, and Bhootakola, a ritualistic performance from the Tulu region of Karnataka. By incorporating these vibrant traditions, Shetty aims to offer audiences a unique experience that celebrates and preserves these cultural heritages.

Sukesh Shetty

Rajesh Dhruva

"We have completed 29 days of shooting extensively in Madikeri and are now waiting for a season change to resume. The first half was shot entirely in natural rain, as required by the plot, with several sets constructed in the rural village of Bhagamandala. At this point, we've scheduled a break to allow the three main actors to focus on reducing their weight for the remaining scenes," says Sukesh Shetty.

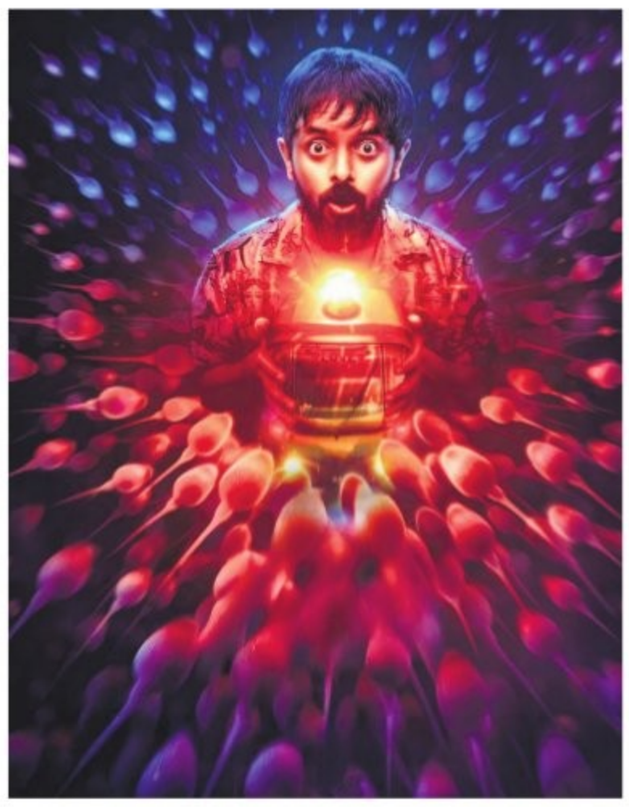
The cast of *Peter* features Rajesh Dhruva, who has transitioned from television serials to films and has previously appeared in a film titled *Balaji Studio*. Alongside Rajesh, the film stars Janvi Rayala (*Kaiva*) and the new face Raviksha Shetty in lead roles.

Peter, produced by Ravi Hiremath and Rakesh Hegde under the Vriddhi Studios banner, is yet to finalize its music composer. Gururprasad Narnad is on board as the cinematographer.

Raviksha Shetty

Janvi Rayala

The comedy-fantasy drama, currently in post-production, is looking for a December release date



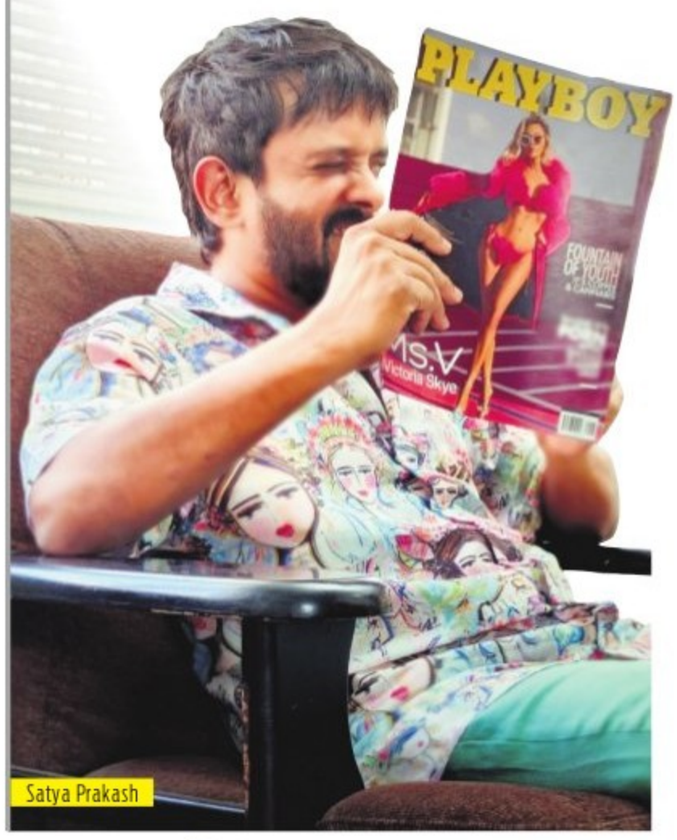
Director Satya Prakash, who also plays the lead in *X&Y*, wraps shooting

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Satya Prakash, acclaimed for his films *Rama Rama Re and Ondalla Eradalla*, which received national recognition, and who last directed *Man of the Match*, has recently completed his latest project, *X & Y*. This film marks a new milestone for Satya Prakash as he steps into a lead role for the first time. *X & Y* is a comedy-fantasy film that explores complex themes of human relationships and social issues, with its title referencing sex chromosomes that hint at a unique and engaging narrative.

Satya Prakash announced the news on Instagram, saying, "The cameras have stopped rolling, but the excitement has just begun! It's a wrap on *X & Y*! We are thrilled with the outcome and can't wait for you all to see it. A huge thank you to our incredible cast and crew for their dedication and hard work. Stay tuned for more updates!" He added, "Our story focuses on today's generation—those who are becoming or wish to become parents, as well as the lives of today's children. It falls under the comedy genre, offering compassionate ideas that both entertain and engage."

The film, produced under the banner of Satya Pictures, features music by Kaushik Harsha (known for Jayanagar 4th Block), cinematography by Lavith, editing by BS Kemparaju, and art direction by Varadaraj Kamath. The cast includes Atharva Prakash, Brinda Acharya, Ayana, Sundar Veena, Veena Sundar, and Doddanna, among others. Now in post-production, the film is aiming for a December release.



Satya Prakash

Ee Cinemage Climax Iruvudilla launched with an intriguing concept

CE FEATURES

Ee Cinemage Climax Iruvudilla—which translates to "This Film Will Have No Climax"—has just been launched, along with a twist that is as unconventional as its title. Directed by RK Gandhi and produced by Rajeev Krishna under Snehalayam Creations, the makers plan to defy expectations from the very start.

The film delves into the lives of six friends whose peaceful Goa getaway is disrupted by an outsider, leading to an array of challenges. Starring Prabhakar, known for his role in *Baahubali*, alongside Hari Bangarapet, Deena Uppad, Ram Janardhan, Roopashree, Ashok Reddy, Devaraj, MV Samy, and Balaram, the film has an intriguing premise.

While the film will forgo a traditional climax, the filmmakers are inviting audiences to create their own endings. A cash prize awaits the best audience-generated climax.

Filming will unfold in Sakleshpur, Mangalore, Bangalore, and Chikkaballapur, with the film slated for release by the end of November. The project features cinematography by Pramod R and B Yuvraj, and music by Aniruddha Shastri.

The muhurat ceremony of the film was held recently, and social worker Satyavara Nagesh kicked off the filming by turning on the camera. At the same time, Gram Panchayat President Kamalesh made it official with the clapperboard.

With cinema recently struggling to attract audiences, Nagesh argued that innovative gimmicks are crucial to reignite interest. He suggested that the film's title serves as a clever gimmick to draw viewers in and expressed optimism that this unique approach will be rewarded.

Team Ee Cinemage Climax Iruvudilla

Roopasree